Jan 1-Feb 28

Boys Town, Douglas County

African American Achievements at Boys Town

Village of Boys Town, Hall of History Since 1917 African Americans have been a part of the Boys Town family as students, employees and supporters. 9am-5pm, Free (402) 498-1141 www.visitboystown.org

Jan 1-June 1

Hastings, Adams County

Alien Adventure

Lied Super Screen Theatre Space aliens land on earth in the middle of a high-tech amusement park and try to decide if they should establish a permanent base on this new-found planet. \$5.50-\$7 (800) 508-4629 www.hastingsmuseum.org

Jan 1-Mar 15

Kearney, Buffalo County

Nebraska Photography and Photographers

Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA), 2401 Central Ave A focus on the photographers and photographs connected to Nebraska that have been created throughout the last 100 years. Tue-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm, Donation Gina Garden (308) 865-8559 monet.unk.edu/mona

Jan 1-Mar 22

Kearney, Buffalo County

William Henry Jackson

Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA), 2401 Central Ave Exhibit of photographs, paintings and illustrations portraying the history of the Old West. Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm, Free (308) 865-8559 monet.unk.edu/mona

Jan 1-Mar 31

Boys Town, Douglas County

Black History on Stamps

Village of Boys Town Stamp Museum Commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. and other famous black Americans through stamps. 8am-5pm, Free (402) 498-1141 www.visitboystown.org

Jan-Feb

Ogallala, Keith County

Eagle Viewing at Lake McConaughy

Below Kingsley Dam Observe bald eagles, ducks, geese, trumpeter swans and more. Sat & Sun, 8am-4pm, Free Gabriel Wilson (308) 284-4458 www.cnppid.com

Jan 3

Denton, Lancaster County

New Year's Winter Walkabout

Spring Creek Prairie, 11700 SW 100th St Don your warmest winter apparel and explore remote parts of the prairie to investigate winter clues including tracks, traces and seasonal behaviors of wildlife. 10am-noon & 1-3pm, \$3-\$5 (402) 797-2301 www.springcreekprairie.org

Jan 3-4

North Platte, Lincoln County

Sport Card Show

Platte River Mall, 1000 S. Dewey St Sat, 10am-9pm; Sun, noon-6pm, Free (308) 534-3090 www.platterivermall.com

Jan 5-Apr 19

Omaha, Douglas County

Crossroads of Commerce

The Durham Museum, 801 S. 10th St This exhibit highlights the personal histories of a group of inductees whose impact has helped to shape Omaha's entreprenurial spirit. (402) 444-5071 www.durhammuseum.org

Jan 5-Mar 10

Chadron, Dawes County

Imaging Blackness 1915-2002: Film Posters from Indiana University

Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, Chadron State College, 1000 Main St Posters from Indiana University Black Film Center illustrate the emergence of the tradition of the independent black cinema. Mon-Fri, 8am-noon & 1-4pm; Sat, 9am-noon & 1-4pm, Free Sarah Polak (308) 432-6401 www.csc.edu/sandoz

Jan 6

Holdrege, Phelps County

Julie Ann Smith, Harpist

The Tassel Performing Arts Center, 1324 Tilden St Enjoy a performance by one of the most exciting young harpists today. 7:30pm, \$8-\$20 Rachel Morgan (308) 995-2717 www.thetassel.org

Jan 6-Feb 28

Plattsmouth, Cass County

Valentines from the Cass County Museum Collection

Cass County Museum, 646 Main St Late 19th and early 20th century valentines. Tue-Sat, noon-4pm, \$2.50 Margo Prentiss (402) 296-4770 nebraskamuseums.org/casscountymuseum.htm

Jan 9-11

Grand Island, Hall County 32nd Annual RV & Boat Expo

Heartland Events Center, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd \$2.50 Tony Staab (308) 384-2040 www.heartlandeventscenter.com

Jan 9-11

Hastings, Adams County

Home Show

Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 S. Baltimore Ave Vendors of all kinds. Fri, 4-8pm; Sat, 10am-7pm; Sun, noon-4pm Amanda Husmann (308) 440-7978

Jan 9-11

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Sesame Street Live

Pershing Center, 226 Centennial Mall S. Fun-filled showed with your favorite Sesame Street characters. Derek Andersen (402) 441-8744 www.pershingcenter.com

Jan 9-May 10

Omaha, Douglas County

Spring Flower Show

Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Botanical Center, 100 Bancroft St Displays will depict southern gardens respective of Gone with the Wind. Daily, 9am-5pm, \$3-\$7 Maureen Thomsen (402) 346-4002 www.lauritzengardens.org

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Omaha, Douglas County

Fantastically French

UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center, 6001 Dodge St Eclectic works, fantastically descriptive music and challenges for the orchestra. 7pm, \$30 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Jan 10

Sidney, Cheyenne County

Wally Seiler as Mark Twain

High School Auditorium, 1122 19th Ave 7pm Ramona Joyce (866) 545-4030

Jan 10-11

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Cabin Fever Antique Show

State Fair Park - Ag Hall Sat, 9am-6pm; Sun, 10am-4pm (402) 489-7784 www.statefair.org

Jan 10-Apr 12

Kearney, Buffalo County

Nebraska Now: Bonnie O'Connell, Bookmaking

Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA), 2401 Central Ave Tue-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm, Donation Gina Garden (308) 865-8559 monet.unk.edu/mona

Jan 10-May 17

Omaha, Douglas County

Union Pacific's American Vacation: The Sun Valley Story

The Durham Museum, 801 S. 10th St Explore this lavish ski resort's rich history, as well as it's lasting impact on the American vacation. (402) 444-5071 www.durhammuseum.org

Jan 1

Omaha, Douglas County

Discover Rameau and Ravel

UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center, 6001 Dodge St Explore two colorful French compositions and their inspiration. 2pm, \$15 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Jan 11

Panama, Lancaster County

Panama Trail Run

Panama Fire Department Take part in the 2 and 4 mile runs, solo or open team. Awards for top 5 finishers. Registration 12:30pm, race 1:30pm (402) 432-3622 www.nebraskasportscouncil.com

Jan 12-Feb 1

Grand Island, Hall County

Quilt Invitational, Challenge Contest and Show

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, 3133 W. US Hwy 34 Quilts from area and regional quilters mix with the Smithsonian's "Going West: Quilts and Communities Along the Great Platte River Road" exhibition to create the area's largest quilt event. Daily, 9am-5pm, \$6-\$8 Martha Paulsen (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

Jan 16

Omaha, Douglas County

Tomas Kubinek

Orpheum Theater, 409 S. 16th St Certified lunatic and Master of the Impossible, Tomas Kubinek's award-winning solo stage show encompasses everything from music, magic and comedy to clowning and acrobatics. 7:30pm, Start at \$16 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

Jan 16-17

Grand Island, Hall County

Monster Truck Winter Nationals

Heartland Events Center, 1700 E. Stolley Park Rd The monster trucks are coming to entertain you while they go to war against themselves. (308) 382-4515 www.heartlandeventscenter.com

Jan 16-17

Omaha, Douglas County

Ravel's Bolero

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Originally composed as a ballet, Bolero epitomizes Ravel's preoccupation with restyling and reinventing dance movements. 8pm, \$15-\$75 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Jan 17

Grand Island, Hall County

Murder Mystery Performances - Murder According to Poe!

Nathan Detroit's An evening of fun, mayhem and great food! 7pm reception, 7:30pm performance and dinner, \$25 dinner and show Paul Warshauer (308) 384-6816 www.murdersrus.com

Jan 17

Wisner, Cuming County

Wisner Area Farm & Home Show

City auditorium Demonstrations, speakers, displays and concessions. 8am-1pm, Free Peggy Liermann (402) 529-3338

www.wisnerareachamberofcommerce.com

Jan 17-18

Grand Island, Hall County

Tri-City Street Rods

Fonner Park Special interest autos including street rods, classics, antiques, customs, race cars and motorcycles along with assorted vendors. (308) 382-4515 www.heartlandeventscenter.com

Jan 17-18

Ogallala, Keith County

Gun Show

Keith County Fairgrounds Ginny Volberding (308) 284-6952

Jan 17-May 22

Hastings, Adams County

Hastings Then and Now

Hastings Museum See the city of Hastings grow and change through the years in this collection of photographs. Sun, noon-6pm; Tue-Thu, 9am-5pm; Fri-Sat, 9am-8pm, \$4-\$6 (800) 508-4629 www.hastingsmuseum.org

Jan 18

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Husker Toy & Buckle Show

State Fair Park, Ag Hall 9am-4pm Pat Bartek (402) 797-5585 www.statefair.org

Jan 18

Omaha, Douglas County

Symphonic Storytime

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Come early to try out the instrument petting zoo and don't forget to visit the Omaha Children's Museum to make your own instrument to play on the stage after the concert. 2pm, \$7-\$14 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Jan 18

Wymore, Gage County

St. Dwynwen's Day - A Welsh Valentines Day

Great Plains Welsch Heritage and Culture Centre, 307 S. 7th St Enjoy a Welsh tea party! Program of music poetry with the theme of love. 2pm, Donation Berwyn Jones (402) 421-8192 www.welshheritage.org

Jan 20-Apr 5

Kearney, Buffalo County

No Conservative Measures: Art and Nature Collide

Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA), 2401 Central Ave Focusing on artwork that has forced us to pause and consider our relationship with nature and our impact on it. Tue-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm, Donation Gina Garden (308) 865-8559 monet.unk.edu/mona

Jan 22

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Tony Kushner

Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St Enjoy an intimate, interview-style discussion with this award-winning playwright. 7:30pm Brenda Weyers (402) 472-4747 www.liedcenter.org

Jan 23-24

Lincoln, Lancaster County PRCA Championship Rodeo

Pershing Center, 226 Centennial Mall S. The best rodeo athletes from the region compete in 7 events. 7:30pm Derek Andersen (402) 441-8744 www.pershingcenter.com

Jan 23-25

Grand Island, Hall County

Central Nebraska Home & Builders Show

Heartland Event Center Fri, 5-9pm; Sat, 10am-7pm; Sun, noon-5pm, \$5 William Jackson (712) 336-0040

Jan 23-25

Omaha, Douglas County

Engelbert Humperdinck

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St This well-known pop singer rose to fame in the 1960s after adopting the name of the famous German opera composer. 8pm, \$20-\$95 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Jan 23-25

Valentine, Cherry County

Niobrara Ice Jam - Niobrara Ice Climbing Jamfest

Simmons Cliff at Niobrara River Ranch along the Niobrara River Try out 40 routes on the main face of the cliff along with 40 practice climbs in the warm-up zone near the warming hut. Coordination of the event is by Yucca Dune. (402) 376-3330 (888) 996-9292 nicejam.net/default.aspx

Jan 23-Feb 15

Omaha, Douglas County

Blithe Spirit

Omaha Community Playhouse, 6915 Cass St A joyous theatrical classic comic play centering on a man being haunted by the ghost of his first wife. Wed-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2 & 6:30pm (402) 553-0800 www.omahaplayhouse.org

Jan 23-Feb 8

Bellevue, Sarpy County

The Lion in Winter

Bellevue Little Theatre, 203 W. Mission Ave Uneasy is the head on which the crown lies, and uneasy the truce between matchless King Henry II and his family. Sat, 8pm; Sun, 2 & 8pm, \$7.50-\$15 (402) 291-3809 www.bellevuelittletheatre.com

Jan 2

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Jesus Christ Superstar

Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St This groundbreaking production starring Ted Neeley and Living Colour's Corey Glover is as relevant and timeless as ever. 2 & 7:30pm Brenda Weyers (402) 472-47747 www.liedcenter.org

Jan 24

Stanton, Stanton County

Burn's Night - Scotch Tasting & Dinner

Uptown Brewery, 801 10th St Single malt scotch tasting with tradtional Celtic cuisine. 6:30pm (402) 439-5100 www.stanton.net.uptownbrewery.htn

Jan 24-25

Grand Island, Hall County

Annual Coin Show

Howard Johnson Riverside Inn, 333 Ramada Rd Buy, sell or trade coins. Daily, 9am-5pm, Free Max Mader (308) 381-2311

Jan 24-25

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Rock Creek Renegades Black Powder Gun Show

State Fair Park, Ag Hall Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 9am-4pm Ardis Moody (402) 477-6409 www.statefair.org

Jan 24-25

Norfolk, Madison County

Tractors on the Mall

Sunset Plaza of Norfolk, 1700 Market Ln Display of John Deere 2 cylinder tractors and farm equipment. Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, noon-5pm, Free Gene Lorang (402) 640-0921

Jan 24-25

Omaha, Douglas County

Cathedral Flower Festival

St. Cecilia Cathedral, 701 N. 40th St Phenomenal flower displays by Omaha's finest floral designers. Free (402) 558-3100 www.stceciliacathedral.org

Jan 24-30

York, York County

Boys & Girls Crossroads Basketball Tournament

City Auditorium, 6th & Nebraska Ave \$3-\$4 Jim Larkin (402) 362-5905

Jan 24-June 7

Kearney, Buffalo County

Bush and Tree: Audubon Selections

Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA), 2401 Central Ave Tue-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm, Donation (308) 865-8559 monet.unk.edu/mona

Jan 25

Merriman, Cherry County

Cowboy Poetry and Music Jam

Arthur Bowring Sandhill Ranch State Historical Park, NE Hwy 61, 1 1/2 mi. N., 2 mi. E. Performances by cowboy and cowgirl poets, musicians and live entertainment. 2-5pm Diane Burress (308) 684-3428 www.outdoornebraska.org

Jan 25

Milligan, Fillmore County

Chilympiad IV

Milligan Auditorium Underground, 6th & Main Sts Chili chefs give their all to win the coveted Golden Ladle. Two divisions - normal and insane. 5pm, Donation Tracy Zelenka (402) 629-4533 www.milliganne.org

Jan 29

Fremont, Dodge County

Post Comedy Theatre

High School Auditorium Featuring Robert Post, physical comedian in a combination of dry humor, mime, juggling and a host of unforgettable characters. 7:30pm Jill Hoops www.fmesconcerts.org

Jan 29

Lincoln, Lancaster County

The Chiarra String Quartet - Banned in the USSR

Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St The Chiara Quartet is proud to present this forbidden program. 7:30pm (402) 472-4747 www.liedcenter.org

Jan 30-Feb 1

Omaha, Douglas County

Cats

Orpheum Theater, 409 S. 16th St Introduce your family to the wonders of live theater with the magic mystery and memory of CATS. Tickets start at \$28 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

Jan 31

Ainsworth, Brown County

Niobrara Polar Bear Festival in Meadville

NE Hwy 7 N. of Ainsworth to Meadville The acclaimed annual dip in the Niobrara River. Bonfires, hayrack rides, dance, chainsaw contest and more. Mike Gering (402) 497-2440

Jan 31

Omaha, Douglas County Michael Cavanaugh

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Featuring the star vocalist and pianist in the hit Broadway musical Movin'Out. 8pm, \$20-\$55 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Jan 31-Apr 26

Omaha, Douglas County

Chocolate

The Durham Museum, 801 S. 10th St Immerse yourself in the story of the world's most edible pleasures. (402) 444-5071 www.durhammuseum.org

Feb

Grand Island, Hall County

American Red Cross Classic Chili Cook-Off

Fonner Park More than 40 types of chili to sample. 11:30am-1:30pm, \$3-\$7 Donna Titman (308) 382-3790 www.giredcross.org

Feb 1

Bellevue, Sarpy County Winter Forest Free Day

Fontenelle Nature Association, 1111 Bellevue Blvd N. Bring the family for this free day full of activities. Free Julie Huffman (402) 731-3140 www.fontenelleforest.org/events.html

Feb 1-28

Grand Island, Hall County

Photography Competition

Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St Compete for more than \$800 in awards. Reception Feb 6, 5:30-8:30pm, Free (308) 381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com

Feb 2

Wayne, Wayne County

Wayne, America - 125th Birthday Party

City auditorium, 2nd & Pearl St Kickoff party with a giant birthday cake, singing, visit from Mad Anthony Wayne and more. 6:30pm, Free Anthony Kochenash (402) 375-4332 www.waedi.org

Feb 4-Sep 8

Hastings, Adams County

Wild Ocean

Lied Super Screen Theatre Wild Ocean captures spectacular breaching whales, feeding sharks, diving gannets and massive bait balls inside and up close on the giant screen. \$5.50-\$7 (800) 508-4629 www.hastingsmuseum.org

Feb 5-8

Fremont, Dodge County

Seussical: The Musical

Midland Lutheran College - Kimmel Theatre Enjoy classic, colorful tales! As each story unfolds you will marvel at how relevant and profound Seuss' subtle themes are. Thu-Fri, 7:30pm; Sat, 2 & 7:30pm; Sun, 2pm Jill Hoops (402) 941-6061 www.fmesconcerts.org

Feb 6

Lincoln, Lancaster County National Acrobats of China

Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St One of the most influential acrobatic troupes in the world with a repertoire that ranges from juggling to drumming. 7:30pm (402) 472-4747 www.liedcenter.org

Feb 6-28

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Converging/Diverging

Lux Center for the Arts, 2601 N. 48th St In conjunction with the PhotoFest, photographic works by husband and wife Larry Gawel and Dan Fritz are on display. Tue-Fri, 11am-5pm; Sat, 10am-5pm, Free Stephanie Leach (402) 466-8692 www.luxcenter.org

Feb 6-8

Grand Island, Hall County

Mid-Nebraska Boat, Sport & Travel Show

Heartland Events Center, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd (308) 382-4515 www.heartlandeventscenter.com

Feb 7

Lincoln, Lancaster County Dinosaurs & Disasters Day

Morrill Hall, 14th & Vine Sts A fun day of science with learning stations, games, activities and demonstrations. Bring a rock or fossil for identification. 9:30am-4:30pm, \$5 adults, \$3 children, \$10 family Kathy French (402) 472-2637 www.museum.unl.edu

Feb 7

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Inspirational Melodies

Kimball Recital Hall Featuring the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra, University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Singers and Anton Miller. 7:30pm, \$15-\$45 Caroline Kouma (402) 476-2211 www.lincolnsymphony.com

Feb 7

Unadilla, Otoe County

Groundhog Day Celebration

Main St and school Fun festivities include soup, homemade jerky and pie contest, rifle raffle, craft fair, historical speaker and 1:00pm parade. 8:30am-6pm, Free Barbara Wilhelm (402) 828-5355

Feb 7-8

Kearney, Buffalo County

Buffalo County Antique Flea Market

Fairgrounds More than 80 dealers from 9 states. Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm, \$2 Cindi Svarvari (308) 234-4354 www.casantiquemarketing.com

Feb 7-8

Omaha, Douglas County

I Love A Parade

Sat - Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St; Sun location TBD This upbeat program of symphonic marches is sure to make you sit up in your seat and put a spring in your step. Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2pm, \$15-\$50 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Feb 7-May 10

Omaha, Douglas County

Sentimental Journey: The Art of Alfred Jacob Miller

Joslyn Art Museum, 2200 Dodge St Featuring the word of the first artist to travel across the plains and into the heart of the Rocky Mountains. Tue-Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun, noon-4pm, \$4-\$7, free admission on Sat, 10am-noon (402) 342-3300 www.joslyn.org

Feb 8

Norfolk, Madison County Children's Day Festival

Sunset Plaza Mall, 1700 Market Ln A day of free family fun "For the Love of Reading." 1-4pm, Free Mark Claussen (402) 644-2507

Feb 8

Omaha, Douglas County

Tu B'Shevat

Lauritzen Gardens, 100 Bancroft St A family event marking the beginning of a "New Year for Trees." Storytelling, hands-on activities, tours of the four seasons stations and more. Danelle Myer (402) 346-4002 www.lauritzengardens.org

Feb 8

Omaha, Douglas County

Brass in Blue

Presbyterian Church of the Cross, 1517 S. 114th St The largest brass ensemble of the US Air Force's Heartland of America Band. 3pm Dana Sloan (402) 333-7466 www.organvesper.com

Feb 10

Wood River, Hall County

Michael Fitzsimmons

Wood River Rural High School Performing Arts Theater Featuring international touring artist Michael Fitzsimmons - percussionist, award-winning composer and recording artist. 7pm, Free Sara Arnett (308) 583-2262

Feb 12

Beatrice, Gage County

Celebrate Lincoln and the Homestead Act

Homestead National Monument, 4 mi. W. on NE Hwy 4 Special evening program featuring music, reenactments, films and refreshments in honor of President Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday. Events begin at 4pm, Free (402) 223-3514 www.nps.gov/home

Feb 12

Omaha, Douglas County

The Peking Acrobats

Orpheum Theater, 409 S. 16th St Hailing from the People's Republic of China, this elite group of world touring gymnasts, jugglers, cyclists and tumblers present an all-ages kaleidoscope of entertainment. 7:30pm, Tickets start at \$19 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

Feb 12

Sidney, Cheyenne County

The Hughes Brother

High School Auditorium, 1122 19th Ave Featuring singing, dancing and music from country to Broadway musicals and gospel. 7pm Ramona Joyce (866) 545-4030

Feb 12-15

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthday Celebration

Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St Featuring Jay Ungar and Molly Mason Family Band, the musical "Civil War Voices," family day activities with re-enactors, exhibits and activities as well as a presentation by Doris Kearns Goodwin. (402) 441-7831 www.lincoln.ne.gov

Feb 12-22

Omaha, Douglas County Swing, Swing, Swing!

The Rose Theater, 2001 Farnam St Recapture the spirit of the 1920s, 30s and 40s in the exciting swing ballet! Wed-Fri, 7pm; Sat Feb 14, 2pm; Sat Feb 21 2pm; Sun, 2pm, \$16 (402) 345-4849 www.rosetheater.org

Feb 13-14

Omaha, Douglas County

Symphonic Dances

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Treat your sweetheart to a program of symphonic dances including Bernstein's score to West Side Story and Rachmaninoff's sweeping Symphonic Dances. 8pm, \$15-\$75 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Feb 13-14

York, York County

York Home and Garden Show

City auditorium, 6th & Nebraska Ave Demonstrations, home improvement items and more. Fri, noon-9pm; Sat, 9am-4pm, Free Todd Kirshenbaum (402) 362-5531 www.yorkchamber.org

Feb 13-16

Gering, Scotts Bluff County

Great Backyard Bird Count

Scotts Bluff National Monument Become a bird watcher as groups go off trail inside the park to count birds. 8am, \$5 per vehicle Valerie Newman (308) 436-9700 www.nps.gov/scbl

Feb 13-22

Beatrice, Gage County

Hello Dolly

Community Players Theatre, 412 Ella St Memorable music and exuberant characters in search of romance create an unforgettable experience in this classic musical. Fri-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2pm, \$8-\$16 Jamie Ulmer (402) 228-1801 www.beatricecommunityplayers.com

Feb 13-22

North Platte, Lincoln County

Hello Dolly

North Platte Community Playhouse, Neville Center - 301 E. Fifth St Enjoy this classic musical. Fri-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 2pm, \$5-\$13 Brette Covington (308) 532-8559 www.northplattecommunityplayhouse.org

Feb 13-Apr 10

Grand Island, Hall County

Wings Over the Platte

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, 3133 W. Hwy 34 One of central Nebraska's largest and most eclectic art shows features life on the Platte River and its tributaries. Daily, 9am-5pm, \$6-\$8 Martha Paulsen (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

Feb 14

Omaha, Douglas County

Valentine Dinner, Music and Romance

Happy Hollow Club Enjoy a romantic dinner along with musical selections by Opera Omaha's former Artistic Director Hal France and guests. 6:30pm, \$100 Tarra Cowherd (402) 346-4398 www.operaomaha.org

Feb 14-15

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Lincoln Area Model Railroad Club Show

State Fair Park, Ag Hall Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm (402) 475-0600

Feb 14-Apr 15

North Platte, Lincoln County

Cranes and Trains at the Golden Spike Tower and Visitor Center

1249 N. Homestead Rd Witness the awesome spectacle of the spring Sandhill Crane migration and view the wood carving "Platte River Rendezvous." Carving by Jeff Gauthier. Display also featuring pieces by local artists. Unveiling ceremony Feb 14, 1-2:30pm (308) 532-9920 www.goldenspiketower.com

Feb 15

Elba, Howard County

Kolache Shootout

Elba School, 711 Carolin St Polka bands, Best Kolache Bake-Off, Polka mass and more. 10am-6pm, Free Edna Ingerle (308) 863-2214

Feb 15

Milligan, Fillmore County

4th Annual Nebraska Wines Festival

City auditorium, 6th & Main Sts Enjoy wine and products from Nebraska wineries along with great music. 2-6pm, \$16 in advance, \$20 at the door Scott Oliva (402) 629-4446 www.milliganne.org

Feb 15

Panama, Lancaster County Panama Adventure Race

Panama Fire Department Solo or open team welcome. Approximately 1.5 to 2 hours in length. Disciplines include mountain biking, running and team challenges. Registration 12:30pm, race 1:30pm (402) 432-3622 www.nebraskasportscouncil.com

Mid-Feb thru mid-Apr

Grand Island, Hall County

Sandhill Crane Spring Migration

Platte River Valley Tours available throughout the 6week migration of the ducks, geese and Sandhill Cranes. (800) 658-3178 www.visitgrandisland.com

Feb 17

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Montana Repertory Theatre: To Kill a Mockingbird

Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St Presenting a poignant production of the American classic, reigniting the resonance of the immortal novel. 7:30pm (402) 472-4747 www.liedcenter.org

Feb 18

Wavne, Wavne County

Black and Gold Performing Arts Series - Aquila Theatre's Comedy of Errors

Wayne State College Ramsey Theatre, 14th St Amazing visual production with clever movement, superb costumes and brilliant lighting. 7:30pm, \$10 Dr. James O'Donnell (402) 375-7517 www.wsc.edu

Feb 18-22

Omaha, Douglas County

Grease

Orpheum Theater, 409 S. 16th St Time Magazine's 2007 pick for #1 Musical of the Year is rockin' across the country in this new production direct from Broadway. Tickets start at \$20.50 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

Feb 19-21

Omaha, Douglas County

NSAA State Wrestling Championships

Qwest Center, 445 N. 10th St Thu-Fri, 8:30am-10pm; Sat, 8:30am-6pm, \$7-\$9 (402) 489-0386 www.nsaahome.org

Feb 19-22

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Home & Garden Expo

Qwest Center, 455 N. 10th St A showcase of everything for the home, inside and out. Thurs, 5-10pm; Fri-Sat, 11am-9pm; Sun, 11am-5pm Mike Mancuso (402) 346-8003 www.showofficeonline.com

Feb 2

Holdrege, Phelps County

Wholly Brass

The Tassel Performing Arts Center, 1324 Tilden Founded while the players were still at Julliard, this brass quintet brilliantly plays a host of styles. 7:30pm, \$8-\$20 Rachel Morgan (308) 995-2717 www.thetassel.org

Feb 20-22

Beemer, Cuming County

Beemer Community Theater's February Production

Beemer Ballroom Dinner theater followed by a musical or comedy. Fri-Sat, 7pm; Sun, 12:30pm, \$14 Cheryl Ann Schultz (402) 528-3575

Feb 20-Mar 1

Grand Island, Hall County

Into the Woods

Grand Island Little Theatre, 3180 W. Hwy 34 This musical comedy follows the adventures of a baker and his wife in their quest for a child. Fri-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2pm, \$12.50 Jeannee Mueller (308) 379-2015 www.githeatre.org

Feb 20-Mar 29

Omaha, Douglas County

Bat Boy

Omaha Community Playhouse, 6915 Cass St This biting comedy presents a witty, campy take on the Weekly World News saga about a bat boy found in a West Virginia cave. Thu-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2pm (402) 553-0800 www.omahaplayhouse.org

Feb 2

Lincoln, Lancaster County

The Phantom Tollbooth (Family Series)

Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St In this musical adaptation of the beloved children's book, Milo ventures into a fantastic universe, aided by a trusty time-keeping dog, Tock. 2pm (402) 472-4747 www.liedcenter.org

Feb 21

Omaha, Douglas County

Blue Notes Records 70th Anniversary - On Tour

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St From hot jazz to swing to bebop, Blue Note has created an undisputable legacy as the premier label in the history of jazz. 8pm, Tickets start at \$19 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

Feb 21-22

Brule, Keith County

Gun Show

Acitivity Center Denise Moorhead (308) 287-2228

Feb 21-22

Ogallala, Keith County

Oregon Trail Home Show

Keith County Fairgrounds Darby Flansburg (308) 284-0178

Feb 26-28

Lincoln, Lancaster County

NSAA State Swimming & Diving Championships

Bob Devaney Sports Center Thu, 9:30am; Fri, 11am; Sat, noon, \$7-\$9 (402) 489-0386 www.nsaahome.org

Feb 27

Lincoln, Lancaster County

The Spencers: Theatre of Illusion

Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St During this theatrical performance people levitate, walk through wals, vanish and reappear! 7:30pm (402) 472-4747 www.liedcenter.org

Feb 27

Omaha, Douglas County

Leahy

Orpheum Theater, 409 S. 16th St This family of 8 brothers and sisters demonstrates a triple threat of fiddle-driven music, dance and song. 8pm, Tickets start at \$19 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

Feb 27-Mar 1

North Platte, Lincoln County

Boat and Watercraft Show

Platte River Mall, 1000 S. Dewey St Fri-Sat, 10am-9pm; Sun, noon-6pm, Free (308) 534-3090 www.platterivermall.com

Feb 27-Mar 1

Omaha, Douglas County

The Magical World of Walt Disney

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Get ready to wish upon a star and open the door to the Magic Kingdom with music from your favorite shows! 8pm, \$15-\$80 (402) 342-3560 www.omahaperformingarts.org

Feb 28

Henderson, York County

Home Show

Heartland Community Schools, 1501 Front St 9am-2pm, Free Kelsey Goertzen (402) 723-4228 www.cityofhenderson.org

Feb 28

Lincoln, Lancaster County

The Paiama Game

Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St Bright and riotously funny, this all-new production of the Broadway smash hit is contemporary musical theatre at its very best. 2 & 7:30pm (402) 472-4747 www.liedcenter.org

Feb 28

Omaha, Douglas County

DanceBrazil

Orpheum Theater, 409 S. 16th St A heart pounding blend of Afro-Brazilian and modern dance. 8pm, \$19 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

Feb 28

Omaha, Douglas County

Symmetry

First Presbyterian Church Kaleidoscopes compare aligned scenes and objects in ways not before seen. The complexity of the pipe organ provides this concert's focus. 7pm, \$8-\$12 Rachel Aalund (402) 342-6753 www.choirmusic.org

Feb 28

Stanton, Stanton County

Foods and Wines of Spain - Hemingway's Madrid

Uptown Brewery, 801 10th St Cuisine adapted from Hemingway's favorite eatery, Café Botin. Food, wine, music and poetry. 6:30pm Rosalind Lamson (402) 439-5100

www.stanton.net/uptownbrewery.htm

Mar

Gering, Scotts Bluff County

Writers Program of Poetry and Prose

Scotts Bluff National Monument Writers are encouraged to share their talents with the public. A poetry and prose oration of original material is requested. \$5 per vehicle (308) 436-9700 www.nps.gov/scbl

Mar

Grand Island, Hall County

Iron Horse Bike Show

Fonner Park Featuring motorcycles from vintage to custom along with an assortment of vendors. Noon-5pm, Free Randy Gard (308) 384-3009

Mar

Omaha, Douglas County

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Downtown and Old Market areas Enjoy a good old-fashioined St. Patty's Day parade! (866) 937-6624 www.irishomaha.com

Mar 1

Bancroft, Cuming County

Feather Artist Exhibit at Neihardt Site

306 W. Elm St Featuring wildlife and Native Americanthemed works painted on feathers by talented artist Judith Crouch. 2pm, Free (888) 777-4667 www.neihardtcenter.org

Mar 1

Hastings, Adams County

Hastings Symphony Concert

Masonic Center Auditorium, 411 N. Hastings Ave Experience the glory of Schubert's perennial favorite, the Unfinished Symphony in B Minor. 3pm, \$5-\$13 Jodi Mackin (402) 469-9396 www.hastingssymphony.com

Mar 1

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Toon Tunes & Cartoon Capers

O'Donnell Auditorium, 50th & Huntington An afternoon of cartoon characters and famous music with Tim Marrone and Lincoln Symphony Orchestra. 2pm, \$5-\$10 Caroline Kouma (402) 476-2211 www.lincolnsymphony.com

Mar 1-31

Grand Island, Hall County

"Spirit of the Cranes"

Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St Awardwinning wildlife artists celebrate the return of the cranes to the Platte River Valley. Artist reception Mar 6, 5:30pm., Free (308) 381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com

Mar-Oct

Beatrice, Gage County

Beatrice Speedway Racing Season

Gage County Fairgrounds Enjoy the racing season on this 3/8 mile semi-banked clay track. Saturdays (402) 223-2338

Mar 3

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Dublin Philharmonic Orchestra - Irish Spectacular

Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St Enjoy an evening of Irish and Celtic traditional music. 7:30pm (402) 472-4747 www.liedcenter.org

Mar 3-June 7

Plattsmouth, Cass County

John Falter: Magazine Covers and Prints

Cass County Museum, 646 Main St An exhibit of Saturday Evening Post covers and prints by this Plattsmouth native. \$2.50 Margo Prentiss (402) 296-4770

www.nebraskamuseums.org/casscountymuseum.ht m

Mar 5-7

Lincoln, Lancaster County

NSAA State Girls Basketball Championships

Pershing Center & Bob Devaney Sports Center (402) 489-0386 www.nsaahome.org

Mar 5-8, 12-14

Norfolk, Madison County

Alone Together, Again

Norfolk Community Theatre, Northeast Community College Campus 7:30pm, \$7-\$13 Pam Saalfeld (402) 844-7347 www.nctheatre.org

Mar 6

Omaha, Douglas County

The African Children's Choir in Journey of Hope

Orpheum Theater, 409 S. 16th St Angelic young voices straight from Africa call attention to the plight of this country's smallest victims in a heartwarming and hopeful evening of music. 8pm, Tickets start at \$19 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

Mar 6-22

Omaha, Douglas County

Petite Rouge: A Cajun Little Red Riding Hood

The Rose Theater, 2001 Farnam St This fast-paced musical, complete with a Swamp Chorus, is set in Cajun country Louisiana. Fri, 7pm; Sat-Sun, 2pm, \$16 (402) 345-4849 www.rosetheater.org

Mar 6-28

Grand Island, Hall County

Crane Speaker Program

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, 3133 W. Hwy 34 Featuring experts on the Platte River and Sandhill Crane migration during weekends in March. Sundown around 7:30pm, \$6-\$8 Martha Paulsen (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

Mar 6-7

Mullen, Hooker County

Polar Bear Tank Race and Chili Cook-Off Weekend

Race on Middle Loup River N. of Mullen, banquet and cook-off in Thedford Meet the contestants on March 6th at the Chili Cook-Off event at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Don't miss the tank race on March 7th. Cook-off 6:30pm on March 6. Tank race 10am MST on March 7., \$5 admission to cook-off. Entry fee for tankers. Mitch Glidden (308) 546-2206 www.sandhillsjourney.com

Mar 7

Brule, Keith County

Firefighters Ball

Brule Activity Center Live entertainment and dance. Cecil Henrichs (308) 287-2127

Mar 7

Grand Island, Hall County

Tri-State Cage Fighting

Heartland Events Center Including the T.C.F. Heavyweight Championship and the T.C.F. Middleweight Championship fights, among others. 7:30pm, \$20-\$34.50 (712) 212-5415 www.TriStateCageFighting.com

Mar 7

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Merce Cunningham Dance Company

Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St A recreation of Second Hand, which features avant-garde music by John Cage and striking costumes that match Jasper Johns' originals. 7:30pm (402) 472-4747 www.liedcenter.org

Mar 7

Omaha, Douglas County

One Vision - The Music of the Queen

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Join the Omaha Symphony and Jeans 'n Classics for a tribute to the English rock group Queen. 8pm, \$15-\$80 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Mar 7

Omaha, Douglas County

Nebraska Storytelling Festival

Southwest Church of Christ, 124th & Center Featuring 2 national storytellers: Leeny Del Seamonds, an animated Cuban-American storyteller and Jack Gladstone, a member of the Blackfeet Indian Nation. 10am-9:30pm, \$7/performance Gail Teten (402) 498-9129 www.nebraskastoryarts.org

Mar 7-29

Minden, Kearney County

Cranefest

City-wide Enjoy games, art displays, crane viewing tours, kickoff events and a Feathered Friends Finale Banquet. Marcy Brandt (308) 832-1811 www.mindenne.org

Mar 7-8

Columbus, Platte County

Spring Fling Craft Giftique

Center 30 Mall, 23rd St & 32nd Ave Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm, Free Sharon Pohlman (402) 564-1845

Mar 7-8

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Seasons of Crafts

Lancaster Event Center, 84th & Havelock Ave Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm, Free Mary Marik (402) 489-5001

Mar 7-8

North Platte, Lincoln County

Platte Valley Car Show

Platte River Mall, 1000 S. Dewey St Sat, 10am-9pm; Sun, noon-6pm, Free Mary Kleidosty (308) 534-3090 www.platterivermall.com

Mar 7-June 14

Omaha, Douglas County

The Indian Portrait Gallery of Thomas L. McKenney

Joslyn Art Museum, 2200 Dodge St Portraits of the great leaders of the Indian nations which have disappeared since the mid-19th century. Tue-Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun, noon-4pm, \$4-\$7, free Sat from 10am-noon (402) 342-3300 www.joslyn.org

Mar 8

Avoca, Cass County

Schoolhouse Performance Series featuring Greenblatt & Seay

Old Avoca Schoolhouse, 504 Garfield St Featuring tunes from Ireland and beyond. 2:30pm, \$1-\$5 David Seay (402) 275-3221 www.greenblattandseay.com

Mar 8

Lincoln, Lancaster County

ENWICC Automotive Swap Meet

State Fair Park 7am-2pm Dan Borer (402) 783-3232

Mar 11-12

Omaha, Douglas County

Triumph of Agriculture Expo

Qwest Center, 455 N. 10th St One of the largest indoor farm machinery shows in the Midwest. Daily, 9am-5pm, Free Bob Mancuso (402) 346-8003 www.showofficeonline.com

Mar 12

Omaha, Douglas County

Aviv String Quartet

Presbyterian Church of the Cross, 1517 S. 114th St One of today's finest chamber ensembles. 7pm, Free Dana Sloan (402) 333-7466 www.organvesper.com

Mar 12-14

Lincoln, Lancaster County

NSAA State Boys Basketball Championships

Pershing Center & Bob Devaney Sports Center (402) 489-0386 www.nsaahome.org

Mar 12-29

Minden, Kearney County

Always Patsy

Minden Opera House, 322 E. 5th St \$15 Ben Morey (308) 832-0588 www.mindenoperahouse.com

Mar 13

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Rain: The Beatles Experience

Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St Experience what Beatlemania was all about, from Ed Sullivan to Abbey Road! 7:30pm (402) 472-4747 www.liedcenter.org

Mar 13-14

Omaha, Douglas County

Rite of Spring

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Stravinsky's adventurous and primitive work is scored for an unusually large orchestra. 8pm, \$15-\$75 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Mar 13-Apr 5

Omaha, Douglas County

Glorious!

Omaha Community Playhouse, 6915 Cass St A true, heartwarming story about a group of eccentric friends who lived their dreams. Wed-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2 & 6:30pm (402) 553-0800 www.omahaplayhouse.org

Mar 14

Grand Island, Hall County

Prairie Princess Partv

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, 3133 W. Hwy 34 Authentic Victorian pink tea, dancing, fames fit for royalty and surprises around every corner. 1-3pm, \$4-\$6 Martha Paulsen (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

Mar 14

Grand Island, Hall County

Spring Fever Day

Stuhr Museum, 3133 W. US Hwy 34 Get out of the house and enjoy hands-on arts and crafts. Easter activities and more. 1-4pm, \$4-\$6 Martha Paulsen (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

Mar 14

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Lincoln Symphony Orchestra at the Movies

Kimball Recital Hall, 12th & R Sts This pop concert features cinema scores from past to present, including selections from Fantasia, Star Wars and Schindler's List. 7:30pm, \$15-\$45 Caroline Kouma (402) 476-2211 www.lincolnsymphony.com

Mar 14

Omaha, Douglas County

Rebecca Frezza and Big Truck

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St A 7-piece feel-good rock band the entire family will love. 11am & 1:30pm, Tickets start at \$19 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

Mar 14

Omaha, Douglas County

Illusions

University of NE - Omaha Strauss Performing Arts Center This concert's evocative music paints pictures in your mind, with the pure sound only children's voices can provide. 2 & 4:30pm, \$8-\$12 Rachel Aalund (402) 342-6753 www.choirmusic.org

Mar 14

Omaha, Douglas County

Rain - A Tribute to the Beatles

Orpheum Theater, 409 S. 16th St A grand, multimedia event hailed as "The next best thing to seeing the Beatles," by The Denver Post. 2pm & 8pm, Tickets start at \$19 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

Mar 14-15

Columbus, Platte County

Columbus Antique Flea Market

Ag Park Dealers from 7 states with antiques and collectibles. Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm, \$2 Cindi Svarvari (308) 234-4354 www.casantiquemarketing.com

Mar 14-15

Hastings, Adams County

Military Gun Show

Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 S. Baltimore Ken Hegwood (402) 744-3771

Mar 14-15

Hastings, Adams County

ABATE District 8 Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet

Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 S. Baltimore Ave Deb Isaacs (308) 647-6933

Mar 14-15

Kearney, Buffalo County

Cranes by the Platte Woodcarving and Pine Needle Art Show

Ramada Inn, 301 2nd Ave Woodcarvers from across the Midwest join for the first ever woodcarving art show, competition and sale. A celebration of the Sandhill Crane spring migration! Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm (308) 236-3307

Mar 14-15

Ogallala, Keith County

Big Mac Sports Club Sports Show

Keith County Fairgrounds Jerry Steinke (308) 284-4487

Mar 15

Beatrice, Gage County

Tractor Trials to Tractor Tests

Homestead National Monument of America A kick off National Agriculture Week featuring a speaker from the Lester F. Larsen Tractor Test and Power Museum. 1 and 3 pm, Free (402) 223-3514 www.nps.gov/home

Mar 15

Omaha, Douglas County

The Final Frontier

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Music from Star Wars, Holst's The Planets, and other space-themed favorites alongside thrilling video from NASA. 2pm, \$7-\$14 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Mar 15

Panama, Lancaster County

Mountain Bike Enduro

Panama Fire Department Solo or teams. Awards given to 1st five finishers. Approximately 30 minute race. Registration 12:30pm, race 1:30pm (402) 432-3622 www.nebraskasportscouncil.com

Mar 15-16

Burwell, Garfield County

Coca-Cola Volleyball Tournament

High School & Elementary School Patty Cox (308) 346-5210 www.visitburwell.org

Mar 15-Apr 24

Alliance, Box Butte County

New Harmonies - Smithsonian Touring Exhibit

Knight Museum & Sandhills Center, 908 Yellowstone Exhibition that celebrates the cultural process that has made America the birthplace of great music. (308) 762-2384 www.nebraskahumanities.org

Mar 15-Apr 5

Kearney, Buffalo County

Cranefest

Great Platte River Road Archway, 3060 E. 1st St Learn about the Sandhill Crane migration, gather information or plan a guided tour. 9am-4pm Ronnie O'Brien (308) 237-1000 www.archway.org

Mar 18-22

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Shrine Circus

Pershing Center, 226 Centennial Mall S. Traditional 3-ring circus with animals, acrobats, dare devils, clowns and more. Derek Andersen (402) 441-8744 www.pershingcenter.com

Mar 20

Omaha, Douglas County

L.A. Theatre Works presents War of the Worlds and The Lost World

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Back-to-back double bill of chills, thrills and great literature with these 2 radio masterpieces of science fiction and adventure. 8pm, Tickets start at \$19 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

Mar 20-21

O'Neill, Holt County

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

City-wide Grand Parade, Mulligan stew, fun run, children's carnival, fish fry and performances by Irish dancers. Free Pat Fritz (402) 336-2355 www.oneillchamber.org

Mar 20-21

South Sioux City, Dakota County Siouxland Garden Show

Marina Center, 5th & B Sts Educational sessions, how-to demonstrations and exhibits are all part of this one-of-a-kind garden show. Innovative products and services to make lawn and garden care easier. Fri, 9am-8pm; Sat, 9am-6pm, \$5/day or \$9/per 2 day pass Sherry McGill (712) 276-2157

www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/news/gardenshow.htm

Mar 20-22

Hastings, Adams County

Whoopers & Hoopers Basketball Tournament

Largest 5x5 basketball tournament in the midwest. Events begin Fri at 5pm, \$8 weekend pass Mikki Shafer (402) 461-8400 www.hastingschamber.com

Mar 20-Apr 5

Bellevue, Sarpy County

The All Night Strut

Bellevue Little Theatre, 203 W. Mission Ave A classy, sassy musical revue celebrating the 1930s and 40s from Harln jive right on through The Stage Door Canteen and post WWII America. Sat, 8pm; Sun 2 & 8pm, \$7.50-\$15 (402) 291-3809 www.bellevuelittletheatre.com

Mar 20-May 15

Chadron, Dawes County

Wright Morris: Photographs and Words

Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, Chadron State College, 1000 Main St Featuring rare vintage prints and literary first editions from Nebraska native Wright Morris. Mon-Fri, 8am-noon & 1-4pm; Sat, 9am-noon & 1-4pm, Free Sarah Polak (308) 432-6401 www.csc.edu/sandoz

Mar 21

Grand Island, Hall County Golden Gloves Boxing

Heartland Events Center Amateur boxing tournament featuring Travis Bieber and Jose Jacobo. 1 & 7pm, \$10-\$17 (308) 382-4515 www.heartlandeventscenter.com

Mar 21

Grand Island, Hall County

Murder Mystery Performances - Who Murdered the Hippy?

Nathan Detroit's An evening of fun, mayhem and great food! 7pm reception, 7:30pm performance and dinner, \$25 Paul Warshauer (308) 384-6816 www.murdersrus.com

Mar 21

Henderson, York County

Heartland German Smorgasbord & Concert

Heartland Community School, 1501 Front St Homemade German food followed by a band concert. 5-7pm, \$4-\$9 Kelsey Bergen (402) 723-4228 www.heartlandschools.org

Mar 21

Milligan, Fillmore County

3rd Annual Beers of Nebraska

Milligan auditorium, 6th & Main Sts Sample Nebraska microbrews, dig into a roast hog dinner and sit back and enjoy live polka music. 6-10pm, \$20 in advance, \$25 at the gate Scott Oliva (402) 629-4446 www.milliganne.org

Mar 21

Omaha, Douglas County

A Midsummer Night's Dream

UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center, 6001 Dodge St Mendelssohn composed this work as a teenager under the spell of Shakespeare's work with themes in the overture representing characters in the play. 7:00pm, \$30 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Mar 21

Omaha, Douglas County

Bill Cosby

Orpheum Theater, 409 S. 16th St Cosby has touched generations of Americans with his unique brand of comic brilliance. 4 & 8pm, Tickets start at \$37 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

Mar 21

Stanton, Stanton County

23rd Annual Irish Festival

Uptown Brewery, 801 10th St Live Irish bands, an Irish food buffet with more than 25 items, imported Irish displays with clothing, jewelry, music and more. 6:30pm Rosalind Lamson (402) 439-5100 www.stanton.net/uptownbrewery.htm

Mar 21

Wisner, Cuming County

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

City-wide Sign up for the Leprechaun fun run/walk at noon, watch the Grand Parade at 1:30pm, feast on a delicious Irish meal from 5-7pm, or enjoy live entertainment and dancing all evening long. Noonmidnight, Free Peggy Liermann (402) 529-3338 www.wisnerareachamberofcommerce.com

Mar 21-22

Beatrice, Gage County

Spring Craft Show

Indian Creek Mall, 2205 N. 6th St Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, noon-4pm, Free Sheila Moore (402) 228-5888 www.indiancreekmallne.com

Mar 21-22

Hastings, Adams County

Gun Show

Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 S. Baltimore Ave Jim Price (402) 462-5011

Mar 21-22

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Lancaster Antique Show

State Fair Park, Ag Hall Sat, 9am-6pm; Sun, 10am-4pm, \$3 Russ Blank (402) 489-7784 www.statefair.org

Mar 21-22

Omaha, Douglas County

2nd Annual Orchid Show and Sale

Lauritzen Gardens, 100 Bancroft St Orchid growers from the midwest show their blooming plants in various displays. Plants also for sale. Daily, 10am-4pm, \$6 Jim Pyrzynski (402) 734-4112 www.omahaorchid-society.org

Mar 22

Omaha, Douglas County

The Prairie Song Project

Presbyterian Church of the Cross, 1517 S. 114th St New songs for voice, flute and piano based on the poetry of Nebraska Prairie poets Willa Cather and Ted Kooser. 3pm, Free Dana Sloan (402) 333-7466 www.organvesper.com

Mar 24

Omaha, Douglas County

Tuesday Musical Concert Series

Joslyn Art Museum, Witherspoon Concert Hall, 2200 Dodge St Chee Yun, violinist from Seoul, South Korea plays on the 1708 Stradiverius. 7:30pm, \$5.75-\$35 Janet Cockle (402) 551-2234 www.tuesdaymusicalomaha.org

Mar 25-29

Omaha, Douglas County

Avonuo C

Orpheum Theater, 409 S. 16th St Broadway's smash hit features a cast of people and puppets who tell the story in a smart, risque and downright entertaining way. Tickets start at \$28 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

Mar 26

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Blue Note Records 70th Anniversary - On Tour

Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St An all-star band featuring today's finest musicians will travel the world celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the premier label in jazz. 7:30pm (402) 472-4747 www.liedcenter.org

Mar 27-29

Omaha, Douglas County

The Beach Boys

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Their sunny vocal harmonies are one of the signature sounds of the modern era. 8pm, \$15-\$80 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Mar 27-Apr 5

North Platte, Lincoln County

Barefoot in the Park

North Platte Community Playhouse, Neville Center - 301 E. Fifth St Fri-Sun, \$5-\$13 (308) 532-8559 www.northplattecommunityplayhouse.org

Mar 28

Fremont, Dodge County

Moostash Joe Polka Party

City auditorium Enjoy polka bands and dancing. 11am-9pm, \$7.50 (402) 753-6414

Mar 28

Kearney, Buffalo County

A Night to Remember the Titanic

Frank House, 2010 W. 24th Kearney's ultimate dinner theatre with a luxurious 8-course formal dinner in the historic Frank House while letters and telegrams involve you in the personal stories of the Titanic that fateful night. 5-9:30pm, \$160 KrisAnn Sullivan (308) 865-8284 www.frankhouse.org

Mar 28

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Company (Family Series)

Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St Audiences of all ages will be mesmerized with unique inflatable inventions! 2pm (402) 472-4747 www.liedcenter.org

Mar 28-29

Gibbon, Buffalo County

Family Crane Carnival

lain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary, 44450 Elm Island Rd Learn about the Sandhill Crane migration and take part in educational activities with the family! 10am-4pm, Donation Keanna Leonard (308) 468-5282 www.rowesanctuary.org

Mar 28-29

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Show

Pershing Center, 226 Centennial Mall S. Gembalaya! A hearty blend of rocks, gems, minerals and fossils with a tangy dash of jewelry and a liberal dose of artistry. Sat, 9am-6pm; Sun, 10am-5pm, \$5/adult, \$9/2 day pass, ages 12 and under free (402) 416-3233 www.lincolngemmineralclub.org

Mar 28-29

North Platte, Lincoln County

Motorcycle Show

Platte River Mall, 1000 S. Dewey St The Gold Wing Road Riders and the Harley Group will be displaying their motorcycles. Sat, 10am-9pm; Sun, noon-6pm, Free Mary Beth Kleidosty (308) 534-3090 www.platterivermall.com

Mar 29

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Harlem Globetrotters

Pershing Center, 226 Centennial Mall S. This American institution returns to Lincoln. Enjoy the basketball wizardry of these Ambassadors of Goodwill. Derek Andersen (402) 441-8744 www.pershingcenter.com

Mar 31-July 16

Kearney, Buffalo County

From East to West: ANAC's Best

Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA), 2401 Central Ave Featuring works from the Association of Nebraska Art Clubs. Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm, Free Gina Garden (308) 865-8559 monet.unk.edu/mona

Apr

Sidney, Cheyenne County

Taste of Sidney

Enjoy samples of food and drink from area merchants. Brenda Rusk (308) 249-3779 www.cheyennecountychamber.com

Apr 1-31

Grand Island, Hall County

Spring Elegance

Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St View the latest collection of paintings, painted furniture and decorative glass. Reception Apr 3, 5:30 to 8:30pm (308) 381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com

Apr-Dec

Fremont, Dodge County

The Prairie, My Garden & Afternoon Tea

Louis E. May Museum, 1643 N. Nye Extensive photographs and exhibits of agriculture on the prairie and how it developed Dodge County. Wed-Sun, 1:30-4:30 (closed Sun in Apr, Sep-Nov), \$.50-\$4 Patty Manhart (402) 721-4515 www.connectfremont.org

Apr-Oct

Beatrice, Gage County

Black Powder Shoots & Sporting Clay Sundays

2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 9am Harlin Krueger (402) 520-1403

Apr-Oct

Ogallala, Keith County

Wild West Soap Box Derby Racing Season

Western Diamond Sports Complex, N. Spruce St Hosting derby racers from across the United States. 6 races throughout the season begin 8:45 am, Free admission Dave Barrett (308) 289-1464 www.wildwestsoapboxderby.com

Apr-Sep

Norfolk, Madison County

Riviera Raceway Racing Season

Riviera Raceway Inc. Enjoy weekly racing in 4 divisions. Racing begins at 7:30pm, \$5-\$10 Janet Haase (402) 371-4242

Apr 2-11

Omaha, Douglas County

The Firebird

The Rose Theater, 2001 Farnam St Princesses, monsters and a mystical bird spell adventure for a courageous prince in this classical ballet. Wed-Fri, 7pm; Sat-Sun, 2pm, \$16 (402) 345-4849 www.rosetheater.org

Apr 2-3

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Pedals & Pipes

First Plymouth Congregational Church Lincoln Symphony Orchestra and the American Guild of Organists celebrate the International Year of the Organ. 7:30pm, \$15-\$45 Caroline Kouma (402) 476-2211 www.lincolnsymphony.com

Apr 3

Grand Island, Hall County

4 Bands for Under 40 Bucks

Heartland Events Center Thunder 103.1 proudly presents 4 bands for under 40 bucks featuring Avenged Sevenfold, Buckcherry, Papa Roach and a special guest. 6:30pm, \$39.75 per ticket www.ticketmaster.com

Apr 3

Omaha, Douglas County

Beethoven's 9th Symphony & Brahms' Schlicksalslied

University of NE - Omaha Strauss Performing Arts Center Classical masters featured bring the best of orchestra, choir and soloists together. 7:30pm, \$8-\$12 Rachel Aalund (402) 342-6753 www.choirmusic.org

Apr 3-4

Fremont, Dodge County

15th Annual Fremont Bull Riding Classic

Christensen Field, 16th St & Ridge Rd Top cowboys in the Midwest matched against the top bulls in the country. Bull riding, bull fighting, funny man acts, mutton busting, dance, concessions and more. 7pm Bonnie Hassler (402) 721-2641 www.fremontne.org

Apr 3-4

Omaha, Douglas County

From the New World

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Known as the New World Symphony, Dvorak's work is one of the most popular in orchestral repertoire. 8pm, \$15-\$75 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Apr 4

Kearney, Buffalo County

Spring Festival Craft Show

Buffalo County Fairgrounds, 3807 Ave N 9am-5pm, Free Kyla Martin (308) 440-0153 www.mnca.net

Apr 4

Omaha, Douglas County

Diavolo

Orpheum Theater, 409 S. 16th St A daring troupe of dancers, gymnasts and actors takes movement, athleticism and risk to the extreme in funny and fascinating ways. 8pm, Tickets start at \$19 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

Apr 4

York, York County

Nebraska Peep Show

Chances R Restaurant Featuring artwork created from marshmellow Peeps. Prizes, "Peeples Choice" votes, food and entertainment. 9am-5pm Todd Kirshenbaum (402) 362-5531 www.yorkchamber.org

Apr 7-Sep 20

Kearney, Buffalo County

An International Novice: The On-Edge Felt Mosaics of Jean Thiessen

Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA), 2401 Central Ave Explore the traditions behind 7 rugs and wall hangings created by this self-taught artist. Tue-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm, Donations welcome (308) 865-8559 monet.unk.edu/mona

Apr 7-Sep 20

Kearney, Buffalo County

From Craft to Creation: Wood Works from MONA's Collection

Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA), 2401 Central Ave Tue-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm, Donations welcome (308) 865-8559 monet.unk.edu/mona

Apr 10

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Diavolo

Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St This daring troupe of performers takes dance, theater, and thrills to extreme heights. 7:30pm (402) 472-4747 www.liedcenter.org

Apr 12

Avoca, Cass County

Schoolhouse Performance Series featuring Greenblatt & Seay

Old Avoca Schoolhouse, 504 Garfield St Tales of Avoca. 2:30pm, \$1-\$5 David Seay (402) 275-3221 www.greenblattandseay.com

Apr 13-21

Holdrege, Phelps County

Grant Reynard on Music Art Exhibit

The Tassel Performing Arts Center, 1324 Tilden Beloved ballads and more from 3 fabulous tenors from Canada accompanied by a wonderful ensemble of violin, piano and bass. Mon-Fri, 9amnoon, Free Rachel Morgan (308) 995-2717 www.thetassel.org

Apr 15, 17 & 19

Omaha, Douglas County

La Boheme

Orpheum Theater, Slosburg Hall, 409 S. 16th St Puccini's most expressive opera draws from a collection of true-life sketches describing life among the original bohemians, the poor artists of the Parisian Latin Quarter. 7:30pm, \$19-\$99 Maggie Wood (402) 346-7372 www.operaomaha.org

Apr 16

Wayne, Wayne County

Elderfest

Wayne City Auditorium, 3rd & Pearl Sts Celebrate our elder friends and the impact they have had on our lives. Candlelight dance and 24-ft buffet. 8am-10pm, Free (402) 833-5315 www.providencemedical.com

Apr 17

Omaha, Douglas County Bebe Neuwirth

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Join this acclaimed singer, dancer and Broadway actress for an evening of song. 8pm, Tickets start at \$19 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

Apr 17-19

Brownville, Nemaha County

Broadway & Beyond: Will & Anthony Nunziata

Brownville Concert Series. 17-18 at 7:30pm; 19th at 2pm (402) 825-3331 www.brownville-ne.com

Apr 17-19

Omaha, Douglas County

Spring Festival, An Arts & Crafts Affair

Qwest Center, 455 N. 10th St Hundreds of the nation's finest artists and crafts people from around the country display and sell their handmade wares. Fri, 11am-9pm; Sat, 9am-6pm; Sun, 10am-5pm, \$7 adults, \$6 seniors and children (402) 331-2889 www.hpifestivals.com

Apr 17-26

Beatrice, Gage County

Art of Murder

Community Players Theatre, 412 Ella St An exciting thriller about an eccentric artist plotting to commit murder, but others are plotting against him. Fri-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2pm, \$8-\$13 Jamie Ulmer (402) 228-1801 www.beatricecommunityplayers.com

Apr 17-26

Grand Island, Hall County

Grace & Glorie

Grand Island Little Theatre, 3180 W. Hwy 34 A hearttugging drama coupled with comedy. Thu-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2pm, \$12.50 Jeanne Mueller (308) 379-2015 www.githeatre.org

Apr 17-May 10

Omaha, Douglas County

Moonlight and Magnolias

Omaha Community Playhouse, 6915 Cass St This play is a Hollywood dream-factory farce, a hyperventilating slapstick comedy. Wed-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2 & 6:30pm (402) 553-0800 www.omahaplayhouse.org

Apr 18

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Ain't Misbehavin'

Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St The outrageously prodigious comic and musical soul of the 1930s Harlem lives on in this rollicking, swinging, finger-snapping revue. 2 & 7:30pm (402) 472-4747 www.liedcenter.org

Apr 18

Omaha, Douglas County

Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg and The Assad Brothers

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St A flamboyant master violinist joins with a leading guitar duo in an evening of global chamber music. 8pm, Tickets start at \$19 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

Apr 18-19

Hastings, Adams County

CAS Productions Antique Market

Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 S. Baltimore Ave Cynthia Svarvari (308) 234-4354 www.casantiquemarket.com

Apr 18-19

Hastings, Adams County

Llama Show

Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 S. Baltimore Ave Dee January (402) 462-9976

Apr 18-19

North Platte, Lincoln County

15th Annual Train Show & Swap Meet

D & N Event Center, 501 E. Walker Rd Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm, \$1-\$3 Gene Tacey (308) 386-2489

Apr 18-July 15

Kearney, Buffalo County

Nebraska Now: Mary Zicafoose, Fiber

Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA), 2401 Central Ave Well-known and intensely colored tapestries and rugs. Tue-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm, Donations welcome (308) 865-8559 monet.unk.edu/mona

Apr 19

Bellevue, Sarpy County

Earth Day Festival

Fontenelle Nature Association, 1111 Bellevue Blvd N. Activities, guided hikes and special appearances by resident critters. Bring the entire family! Free Julie Huffman (402) 731-3140 www.fontenelleforest.org

Apr 19

Hastings, Adams County

Hastings Symphony Orchestra Concert

Masonic Center, 411 N. Hastings Ave 3pm, \$5-\$13 Jodi Mackin (402) 469-9396 www.hastingssymphony.com Apr 19

Schuyler, Colfax County

Piano Concert with Father Tim Lange

Saint Benedict Center, 1126 Rd I Enjoy performances by Father Tim Lange. 3pm, Donation (402) 352-8819 www.stbenedictcenter.com

Apr 19

Wood River, Hall County

Broad Appeal

Wood River Rural High School Performing Arts Theater These 3 women capture the essence of the 1935-1958 era through the glorious melodies of Your Hit Parade. 2:30pm, Free Sara Arnett (308) 583-2262

Apr 19-May 10

Gering, Scotts Bluff County

Scotts Bluff: An Artist's Perception Art Show

Scotts Bluff National Monument, 190276 Old Oregon Trail Regional artists show their works in various mediums on their perception of Scotts Bluff Monument. 8am-5pm, \$5/vehicle Eric Haugland (308) 436-9716 www.nps.gov/scbl

Apr 21

Wayne, Wayne County

Black and Gold Performing Arts Series presents Aspen Santa Fe Ballet Co.

Wayne State College A company of 12 classically trained dancers perform an eclectic repertoire. 7:30pm, \$10 Dr. James O'Donnell (402) 375-7517 www.wsc.edu

Apr 23-25

North Platte, Lincoln County

Country Bluegrass Festival

Lincoln County Fairgrounds, 5015 W. US Hwy 30 Enjoy bands and entertainers from across the United States. Donna Mentzer (308) 532-1465

Apr 24

Omaha, Douglas County

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet

Orpheum Theater, 409 S. 16th St This contemporary ballet brings a lively European twist to its sophisticated performances. 8pm, Tickets start at \$19 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

Apr 24-26

Brownville, Nemaha County

Wine, Writers and Song Festival

City-wide A 3 day gathering of writers, musicians and readers. Free Jane Smith (402) 825-4211 www.brownvillelyceum.com

Apr 24-26

Chadron, Dawes County

Festival of Quilts

Assumption Arena, 3rd & Spruce Sts Quilt show, competition, displays, vendors, programs and demonstrations. Fri-Sat, 9am-6pm; Sun, noon-4pm, \$4 Charlotte Kriz (308) 432-4041 www.festivalofquilts.com

Apr 24-26

Nebraska City, Otoe County

Arbor Day Celebration

City-wide Children's activities and live entertainment. Parade and 5K trail run on Sat. Family Fun Festival at Wildwood Historic Center on Sun, noon-4pm. (800) 514-9113 www.nebraskacity.com

Apr 24-26

North Platte, Lincoln County

Spring Craft & Gift Show

Platte River Mall, 1000 S. Dewey St Fri-Sat, 10am-9pm; Sun, noon-6pm, Free (308) 534-3090 www.platterivermall.com Apr 24-26

Omaha, Douglas County

Polka Fest at the German American Society

3717 S. 120th St Featuring local and regional acts, dancing, refreshments and more. (402) 333-6615 www.germanamericansociety.org

Apr 25

Grand Island, Hall County

Bosselman Day

Fonner Park Live thoroughbred horse racing. (308) 382-4515 www.fonnerpark.com

Apr 25

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Nebraska Tractor Test Museum Event

UNL East Campus, 35th & Fair Sts Museum open house with laboratory tours, display of power on the test track and antique tractor parade. 10am-2pm, Donation Jeremy Steele (402) 472-8389 tractormuseum.unl.edu

Apr 25

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Bethany in Bloom Parade

66th Street in Bethany Neighborhood Pancake feed held from 8-10am at the Cotner Center Condominium at 1540 N. Cotner Blvd. Kiddie parade at 10am from 66th & Cotner Blvd to 66th & Fairfax. Street parade at 10:30am 66th & Y to Leighton. bethanyparade.inebraska.com

Apr 25

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Spring Affair at State Fair Park

1800 State Fair Park Dr Educational programs, garden-related vendors and plants for sale. 9am-4pm, Free Susan Budler (402) 472-2679 springaffair.unl.edu

Apr 25

Ogallala, Keith County

Golf & Bowl Tournament

West Wind Golf Course (308) 284-4358

Apr 25

Omaha, Douglas County

Dia del Nino - Day of the Child Celebration

El Museo Latino, 4701 S. 25th St International celebration focusing on children. Hands-on art activities, games, demonstrations, entertainment, face painting and more. Noon-4pm, Free Magdalena Garcia (402) 731-1137 www.elmuseolatino.org

Apr 25

Omaha, Douglas County

Arbor Day Family Activities Day

Lauritzen Gardens, 100 Bancroft St Enjoy a morning of fun activities dedicated to trees. 10am-1:30pm, \$3-\$7 Maureen Thomsen (402) 346-4002 www.lauritzengardens.org

Apr 25-26

Omaha, Douglas County

South of the Border

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Join the Omaha Symphony, featuring the music of Piazzolla, Villa-Lobos, Moncayo and other notable South American composers. Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2pm, \$15-\$50 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Apr 25-26

Peru, Nemaha County

The Great Nebraska Mushroom Festival

Steamboat Trace Trailhead, 300 5th St A down-toearth experience. Morel mushroom hunting with a Master Mushroom contest, prizes, live entertainment and good food. Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 10am-1pm Linda Tynon (402) 872-7275 www.nebraskathegoodlife.com

Apr 25-May 17

Red Cloud, Webster County

Quilt Show

Webster County Historical Museum, 721 W. 4th St 1-5pm, Donation (402) 746-2444

Apr 26

Beatrice, Gage County

Industry Day

Gage County Historical Museum, 101 N. 2nd St Going places, accoutrements of travels is the theme this year. Displays of objects involving travel. 1-5pm Lesa Arterburn (402) 228-1679 byjake.com/gagecountymuseum

Apr 26

Crawford, Dawes County

Enduro Motorcycle Race

Begins in Crawford An 80-mile endurance race that draws hundreds of riders each year. Begins at 8am Ted Winkelman (308) 432-9513 www.crawfordnebraska.net

Apr 26

Geneva, Fillmore County

Broad Appeal Musicians

City auditorium These 3 women capture the essence of the 1935-1958 era through the glorious melodies of Your Hit Parade. 2pm, \$5

Apr 26

Gering, Scotts Bluff County

Spring Up the Bluff Relay Foot Race

Scotts Bluff National Monument, 190276 Old Oregon Trail Relay race up Scotts Bluff National Monument via Summit Road. Running and walking divisions. 4:30pm, \$5 per vehicle Eric Haugland (308) 436-9716 www.nps.gov/scbl

Apr 28

Grand Island, Hall County

Grand Island Concert Association presents Romanza, Three Tenors

Grand Island Senior High Auditorium Featuring 3 tenors from Canada and their opera arias, songs from musical theatre, the movies, pop classics, love ballads and folk tunes. 7:30pm (308) 382-2309 www.giconcerts.org

Apr 30-Oct 29

Milligan, Fillmore County

Cruise Night

Main St Old cars, tractors and motorcycles gather to cruise the streets. Held last Thu of each month at 7pm, Free John Zelenka (402) 629-4533 www.milliganne.org

May

Grand Island, Hall County

Motorcycle Madness

YWCA, 211 E. Fonner Park Rd (308) 384-9922

May

Kearney, Buffalo County

Youth Chautauqua Birthday Party for Mrs. David Anderson

TBA Sydney Tillotson will perform as Mrs. David Anderson, whose birthdate was May 11th, 1849. Free Jennifer Murrish (308) 234-3041 www.bchs.us

May 1

Hastings, Adams County

Hastings Symphony Orchestra Concert

Chautauqua Pavilion - Prospect Park, 4th & Laird Ave Featuring music from Educational Outreach Concerts. 7pm, Free Jodi Mackin (402) 469-9396 www.hastingssymphony.com May 1

Holdrege, Phelps County

Romanza: The Art of the Tenor

The Tassel Performing Arts Center, 1324 Tilden Beloved ballads and more from opera, movies and musicals. 7:30pm, \$8-\$20 Rachel Morgan (308) 995-2717 www.thetassel.org

May 1-17

Omaha, Douglas County

Charlotte's Web

The Rose Theater, 2001 Farnam St This beautiful play about friendship features all of E.B. White's enchanting characters. Fri, 7pm; Sat-Sun, 2pm, \$16 (402) 345-4849 www.rosetheater.org

May 1-2

Kearney, Buffalo County

Nebraska Wine & Jazz Festival

Parking lot N. of Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA), downtown Showcasing Nebraska wines and jazz music by Nebraska musicians. (308) 237-3114

May 1-3

Omaha, Douglas County

Tribute to Benny Goodman

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Clarinet prodigy Dave Bennett pays tribute to the undisputed King of Swing and his biggest hits. Fri-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 2pm, \$15-\$80 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

May 1-30

Grand Island, Hall County

Please Touch

Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St A journey through 3-D art featuring pottery, woven baskets, felted vessels and more. Reception May 1, 5:30-8:30pm (308) 381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com

May 1-31

Omaha, Douglas County

Twelve Angry Men

Omaha Community Playhouse, 6916 Cass St What seems like an open-and-shut murder case becomes a twisted puzzle of prejudice and intrigue when 12 jurors are corralled in a room for the duration of their deliberation. Thu-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2pm (402) 553-0800 www.omahaplayhouse.org

May 1-Aug 31

Boys Town, Douglas County

America's Favorite Past Time - Baseball at Boys Town

Village of Boys Town Stamp Museum, 137th & Dodge Displays showcase baseball's important role in sports at Boys Town. Autographed bats, balls and photographs of famous players including Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Johnny Bench. 9am-5pm, Free (402) 498-1141 www.visitboystown.org

May 1-June 6

Cambridge, Furnas County

New Harmonies - Smithsonian Touring Exhibit

Cambridge Museum, 612 Penn St Exhibition that celebrates the cultural process that has made America the birthplace of great music. (308) 697-4385 www.nebraskahumanities.org

May 2009

Cambridge, Furnas County

Humanities

Cambridge Museum Musical exhibit. 1-5pm, Free Marjorie Ridpath (308) 697-4385

May-Aug

Ogallala, Keith County

Crystal Palace Revue at Front Street

Front Street Steakhouse & Saloon, 519 E. 1st St Nightly shoot-out and dance hall show featuring songs, skits and gun fights. Family oriented and fun for all. Mon-Sat, 7:30pm shootout, 8pm show Darlan Rezac (308) 289-2956 www.megavision.net/frontstreet

May-Oct

Geneva, Fillmore County

Farmers Market

Courthouse lawn Tue, 4:30-7pm, Free (402) 759-3117 www.cityofgeneva.org

May-Oct

Lincoln, Lancaster County Haymarket Farmers Market

7th & P Streets More than 100 vendors with a variety of produce, baked goods, arts and crafts and more. Saturdays, 8am-noon, Free Jeff Cunningham (402) 435-7496 www.historichaymarket.info

May-Oct

Shubert, Richardson County

Living History Demonstrations at Indian Cave State Park

2 mi. N. & 5 mi. E. on Hwy 64E Take part in candlemaking, soapmaking, broommaking or blacksmithing. Certain weekends, 9am-4:30pm, Park entry permit required Kevin Holliday (402) 883-2575 www.outdoornebraska.org

May-Sep

Alliance, Box Butte County

Farmers Market

3rd & Box Butte Sts Sat, 8am-1pm; Tue, 5-6:30pm Lyn Miller (308) 762-5811 www.boxbuttedevelopment.com

May-Sep

Fremont, Dodge County

Summer Concert in the Park Series

John C. Fremont Park, 8th & Broad Sts Fridays, 5:30-9pm, Free John Schmitz (402) 727-2810 www.mainstreetfremont.org

May-Sep 30

North Platte, Lincoln County

Lincoln County Photo Contest

Photos taken in Lincoln County area Open to professionals and amateurs of all ages. Categories include events, attractions, outdoor recreation and site seeing. (308) 532-4729 www.VisitNorthPlatte.com/Photo_Contest.cfm

May-Sept

Holdrege, Phelps County

Farmers Market

Phelps County Courthouse lawn Fresh produce, baked goods and more. Thursdays, 4:30-7:30pm, Free Cindy Lindstrom (308) 263-4111

May 2

Broken Bow, Custer County May Day Celebration

Downtown Vendors in the park, 5K run and fun activities for all ages. (308) 872-5691 www.brokenbow-ne.com

Mav 2

Kearney, Buffalo County

Antique & Preservation Road Show & Celebration

Frank House, University of NE at Kearney See the antique treasures, hear the tales or seek fortune and advice from a certified appraiser and professional conservator. 1-5pm KrisAnn Sullivan (308) 865-8284 www.frankhouse.org

May 2

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Astronomy Day

Morrill Hall, 14th & Vine Sts A fun day of astronomy with telescopes on display, robotics, meteorites and activities. Chat with astronomers or check out a planetarium show. 9:30am-4:30pm, \$5 adults, \$3 kids or \$10 family Jack Dunn (402) 472-2641 www.spacelaser.com

May 2

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Russian National Ballet Theatre: Swan Lake

Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St Swan Lake follows the heart-strong will of Prince Siegfried as he becomes transfixed with the spellbound swan maiden Odette and confronts the sorcerer in a battle for his true love. 7:30pm (402) 472-4747 www.liedcenter.org

May 2

North Platte, Lincoln County

Romanza

Neville Center for the Performing Arts, 301 E. Fifth St Enjoy the music of three classically trained lyric tenors. 7:30pm Pat Hoban (308) 534-4699

May 2

Omaha, Douglas County

Rockbrook Village Spring Fever Craft Show

2800 S. 110th Court The finest in regional crafts. 10am-5pm, Free Merrilee Miller (402) 390-0890 www.rockbrookvillage.com

May 2

Plattsmouth, Cass County

Living History Day

Cass County Historical Museum, 646 Main St Living history demonstrations including blacksmithing, basket making, weaving and soapmaking. 10am-3pm, Free Margo Prentiss (402) 296-4770 www.nebraskamuseums.org/casscountymuseum.ht m

May 2

Sidney, Cheyenne County

The Fab Four Beatles

High School Auditorium, 1122 19th Ave The group travels with lights and sounds to recreate the experience of attending several Beatle's concerts as the group evolved. 7pm Ramona Joyce (866) 545-4030

May 2-3

Alliance, Box Butte County

Alliance Motocross - TriState Dirt Riders Racing

(308) 762-3876 www.alliancemx.com

May 2-3

Bellevue, Sarpy County

Nebraska Renaissance Faire

Bellevue Berry Farm & Pumpkin Patch, 11001 S. 48th St Celebration of times past with multiple stages of entertainment, children's activities and more. Daily, 11am-6pm, \$5-\$10 Gregory Schmidt (641) 357-5177 www.nebfaire.com

May 2-3

Columbus, Platte County

May Days

Center 30 Mall, 23rd St & 32nd Ave Crafts and home-based businesses. Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm, Free Sharon Pohlman (402) 564-1845

May 2-3

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Carpenter Reznicek Antique Show

State Fair Park - Ag Hall Sat, 9am-6pm; Sun, 10am-4pm Wayne Carpenter (402) 466-5936 www.statefair.org

May 2-3

North Platte, Lincoln County

Flat Lander Car Show

Platte River Mall, 1000 S. Dewey Sat, 10am-9pm; Sun, noon-6pm www.platterivermall.com

May 2-3

Ogallala, Keith County

5th Annual Spring Classic Golf Tournament

West Winds & Bayside Golf Courses (308) 284-2001

May 2-3

Omaha, Douglas County

Spring Into Spring Festival

Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Botanical Center, 100 Bancroft St This fantastic celebration features performance art by The Living Garden, where garden characters come alive. Plant sales, live music, children's activities, tours and more. Daily, 9am-5pm, \$3-\$7 Maureen Thomsen (402) 346-4002 www.lauritzengardens.org

May 2-3

Steele City, Jefferson County

Living History Weekend

City-wide Learn about local history and how the pioneers lived. Demonstrations by local crafters and museum tours. Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm www.visitoregontrail.org

May 2-Oct 10

Omaha, Douglas County

Old Market Farmers Market

11th & Jackson Sts Buy local, eat fresh! Sat, 8am-12:30pm, Free Jana Friis (402) 345-5401 www.omahafarmersmarket.org

May 2-Oct 4

Fort Calhoun, Washington County

Living History Weekends at Fort Atkinson State Historical Park

201 S. 7th St Demonstrations of military life at a reconstructed 1820s military post. Military drills, blacksmithing, cooking and crafts. Dates: May 2-3, June 6-7, July 4-5, Aug 1-2, Sep 5-6, Oct 3-4, Park permit required. (402) 468-5611 www.outdoornebraska.org

May 3

Hastings, Adams County

Chapparral's Motorcycle Poker Run

Highland Park Motorcycles drive to 5 check points to draw a card. The best poker hand at the end wins. Begins at 11:30am, \$5 Doug Mick (402) 463-6889 hastingschapparrals.blogspot.com

May 3

Lincoln, Lancaster County

40th Annual Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln Festival

The Moose Lodge Family Center, 4901 N. 56th St Czech baked goods including kolaches, crystal items for sale, ethnic songs, singing, dancing and the crowning of the Czech queen. 10am-6pm, Free Anne Callahan (402) 486-4152 www.lincolnczechs.org

May 3

Syracuse, Otoe County

Ladies' Day Out

City-wide Local vendors and businesses welcome you! Browse shops, enjoy food and refreshments, tour the museum and more. 1-5pm www.syracusene.com

May 3-30

Omaha, Douglas County

NWCA Exhibit: Full Plate

Florence Mill ArtLoft, 9102 N. 30th St Functional and dysfunctional art places by Nebraska Women's Caucus for the Arts members. Tue-Sun, 1-5pm Linda Meigs (402) 551-1233

May 5

Omaha, Douglas County

Tuesday Musical Concert Series

Joslyn Art Museum, Witherspoon Concert Hall Featuring Shai Wosner, pianist and protégé of pianist Emanuel Ax. 7:30pm, \$5.50-\$35 Janet Cockle (402) 551-2234 www.tuesdaymusicalomaha.org

May 6-31

Omaha, Douglas County WICKED

Orpheum Theater, 409 S. 16th St So much happened before Dorothy dropped in. On Broadway and around the world, WICKED has worked its magic on critics and audiences alike. Tickets start at \$30 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

May 7-8

Beatrice, Gage County

Storytelling at Homestead National Monument

8523 W. NE Hwy 4 Storytellers entertain and educate visitors with stories about American culture and heritage. Free Merrith Baughman (402) 223-3514 www.nps.gov/home

May 7-8

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Homeland

Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St Playwright Christopher Cartmill explores the landscape of the human heart in an exciting new play. 7:30pm (402) 472-4747 www.liedcenter.org

May 7-Oct 22

Crete, Saline County

Farmers Market

Pamida parking lot, 9th & Main Ave Thursdays, 2:30-6pm, Free (402) 826-2136

May 8

Fremont, Dodge County

Synergy Brass Quintet

MLC Event Center One of the country's most exciting ensembles and one of New England's finest brass groups. 7:30pm Jill Hoops (402) 941-6061 www.fmesconcerts.org

May 8

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Smooth Romance

Kimball Recital Hall, 12th & R Sts LSO's season finale features trombonist Jay Wise. 7:30pm, \$15-\$45 Caroline Kouma (402) 476-2211 www.lincolnsymphony.com

May 8

Manley, Cass County

Gizmo Guys

The Lofte Community Theatre Allan Jacobs and Barrett Felker have amazed and amused audiences around the world! 7pm, \$10-\$12 (402) 234-2553 www.lofte.com

May 8-9

North Platte, Lincoln County Honky Tonk BBQ Festival

Wild West Arena Sanctioned competition and BBQ feed, live entertainment and more. Fri, 6pm-midnight; Sat, 10am-3pm Rob Mandeville (308) 530-5139 www.honkytonkbbq.com

May 9

Omaha, Douglas County Cinco de Mayo Celebration

El Museo Latino, 4701 S. 25th St A weekend celebration honoring Mexico. (402) 731-1137 www.elmuseolatino.org

May 9

Omaha, Douglas County

Patterns

University of NE - Omaha Strauss Performing Arts Center Featuring Nebraska Children's Chorus & CAST in a family concert. 2 & 4:30pm, \$8-\$12 Rachel Aalund (402) 342-6753 www.choirmusic.org

May 9

Omaha, Douglas County

Mozart and Salieri

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St This program features recitations from the play Amadeus along with some of Mozart's most popular compositions. 7pm, \$30 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

May 9

Springfield, Sarpy County

Spring Wine & Blues Festival at Soaring Wings Vineyard

17111 S. 138th St Featuring top national blues bands, great food and award-winning wine. Hot air balloon launches close out the day. Noon-9pm, \$15-\$20 Jim Shaw (402) 699-2057 www.soaringwingswine.com

May 10

Avoca, Cass County

Schoolhouse Performance Series featuring Greenblatt & Seay

Old Avoca Schoolhouse, 504 Garfield St Enjoy circle dances and contra dances. 2:30pm, \$1-\$5 David Seay (402) 275-3221 www.greenblattandseay.com

May 10-Oct 4

Grand Island, Hall County

Sports and Leisure Summer Exhibit

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, 3133 W. Hwy 34 Featuring photos from the archives and recreations of games played during the 1890s. Daily, 9am-5pm, \$6-\$8 Martha Paulsen (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

May 11

Grand Island, Hall County

Grand Island Concert Association presents Synergy Brass Quintet

Grand Island Senior High Auditorium 7:30pm (308) 382-2309 www.giconcerts.org

May 13-16, 18-19

Omaha, Douglas County

NSAA State Soccer Championships

Morrison Stadium - Creighton University \$5-\$7 (402) 489-0386 www.nsaahome.org

May 15-16

Omaha, Douglas County

Men's Garden Club Plant Sale

Douglas County Extension Service, 8015 W. Center Rd Fri, 5:30-8pm; Sat, 9am-2pm, Free Michael Render (402) 234-3067 www.omaha-mens-garden-club.com

Mid-May thru mid-July

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Live Thoroughbred Horse Racing at State Fair Park

Grand Stand, 1800 State Fair Park Dr Connie Decker (402) 473-4205 www.statefair.org

May 16

Grand Island, Hall County

Island Area Cruisers Annual Charities Tour

Area Walmarts Show and shine tour. 7:30am-4:30pm (308) 382-2958

May 16

Kearney, Buffalo County

Kearney Expo at Fort Kearny State Historical Park

1020 V Rd Outdoor activities and displays sponsored by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and Cabela's. Free (308) 865-5305

May 16

Omaha, Douglas County

Regina Carter

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St A master violinist whose influences range from R&B, to East Indian, to classical music. 8pm, Tickets start at \$19 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

May 16

Raymond, Lancaster County

James Arthur Vineyards' Renaissance Festival

2001 W. Raymond Rd Combat demonstrations in full armor, artisans practicing and displaying their crafts, wandering minstrels, dancers and singers. Archery, children's games and more. Noon-8pm, \$2 Jim Ballard (402) 783-5255 www.jamesarthurvineyards.com

May 16

Waverly, Lancaster County

Camp Creek Antique Machinery Swap Meet

17550 Bluff Rd Swap meet and flea market, pancake breakfast and good food all day long. 6am-5pm, Free Jeremy Steele (402) 786-3003 www.ccthreshers.org

May 16-17

Louisville, Cass County

Air Your Art in Louisville

Main St Artists and artisans will demonstrate their talents. Featuring glass blowers, potters, wood burners, beadmakers and more. Summer parade Sat at 2pm. 9am-5pm, Free Steve Sherman (402) 234-2867 www.louisvilleartgallery.com

May 16-Sep 12

Omaha, Douglas County

Playing with Fire Concert Series

Lewis & Clark Landing Featuring local and national jazz acts on select weekends throughout the summer. 4-10:30pm, Free, donations welcome (402) 444-4660 www.playingwithfireomaha.com

May 17

Grand Island, Hall County

Vintage & Classic Wheels Swap Meet

Conestoga Mall 7am-3pm (308) 384-7106

May 17

Omaha, Douglas County

Solomon - An Oratorio by George Frideric Handel

Presbyterian Church of the Cross, 1517 S. 114th St Accompanied by the Omaha Symphony Chamber Orchestra and in collaberation with the Organ Vesper Series. 3pm, \$10-\$20 Belinda Greiner (402) 496-0602 www.omahasymphonicchorus.org

May 20-Aug 20

Chadron, Dawes County

Uphill and Against the Wind: 125 Years of the WY Stock Growers Association

Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, Chadron State College The WSGA traces its roots. Mon-Fri, 8am-noon & 1-4pm; Sat, 1-4pm, Free Sarah Polak (308) 432-6401 www.csc.edu/sandoz

May 20-Sep 9

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Downtown Performance Series

Community Foundation Gardens, 1415 N St Performances by a variety of groups. Wednesdays, noon-1pm, Free Frances Schoonveld (402) 434-6902 www.updowntowners.org

May 21

Omaha, Douglas County

John Pizzarelli presents Dear Mr. Sinatra

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St This internationally acclaimed jazz vocalist and guitarist presents favorites from the Sinatra songbook. 8pm, Tickets start at \$19 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

May 21-22

Omaha, Douglas County

NSAA State Girls Tennis Championships

Locations in Omaha and Lincoln 8am-5pm, \$5-\$7 (402) 489-0386 www.nsaahome.org

May 22-23

Omaha, Douglas County

NSAA State Track & Field Championships

Omaha Burke High School, 12200 Burke Blvd 8:30am-9pm, \$5-\$7 (402) 489-0386 www.nsaahome.org

May 22-24

Superior, Nuckolls County

Victorian Festival

Downtown at 4th & Central Sts & Superior Estates Winery Kickoff event at the winery with dinner and entertainment. Sat pancake feed, parade, children's activities, food, petting zoo, train rides, crafts and Victorian tea honoring Lady Vestey. 7am-dark, Free Pamela Frank (402) 879-3419 www.victorianfestival.info

May 22-25

Big Springs, Deuel County

Village of Big Springs Q125 Celebration

City-wide Parade, BBQs, live entertainment, dances, games, antique car show, melodrama, pancake feed, beer garden and more. Donations accepted Susan McGreer (308) 289-5534 www.ci.big-springs.ne.us

May 22-June 7

Bellevue, Sarpy County

The Foreigner

Bellevue Little Theatre, 203 W. Mission Ave As a guest in a Georgia fishing lodge, painfully shy Charlie dreads the prospect of conversing with strangers. Sat, 8pm; Sun, 2 & 8pm, \$7.50-\$15 (402) 291-3809 www.bellevuelittletheatre.com

May 23

Beatrice, Gage County

Monumental Fiddling Championship and Acoustic Band Contest

Homestead National Monument of America, 8523 W. NE Hwy 4 A day of music and competition with fiddlers and musicians of all ages. Free Merrith Baughman (402) 223-3514 www.nps.gov/home

May 23

Hershey, Lincoln County

Wine and Memories

Paul Martin American Legion Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, Nebraska wines and live piano music. Four Nebraska wineries will be on site to answer questions. 6-8:30pm Phyllis Schuster (308) 368-5202

May 23

Kimball, Kimball County

High Plains Car Show

Gotte Park on E. US Hwy 30 Cruise night and car show. 10am-4pm Greg Dinges (308) 235-5042 www.ci.kimball.ne.us

May 23

Odell, Gage County

4th Annual Run for Fun

City park Take part in a 1 mile walk, 5K run or 10K run through the scenic countryside. Prizes and drawings following the event. Races begin at 8am Jill Scheele (402) 766-4377

May 23-25

Bridgeport, Morrill County

Camp Clarke Raiders Spring Rendezvous

Seybolt Park, 5 mi. S. on NE Hwy 88 Step back into the 1800s! Blackpowder shoots, primative and modern camping, children's games, old-fashioned trade fair and more. Daily, 8am-5pm, \$30 per family for camping and events Nancy or LeRoy Eichthaler (308) 262-1080

May 23-25

Brownville, Nemaha County

Annual Spring Flea Market

Main St More than 270 vendors from across the United States. Antiques, flowers, jewelry, collectibles and food. 8am-5pm, Free Jim Doty (402) 825-3731 www.brownville-ne.com

May 23-25

Kearney, Buffalo County

Living History Weekend at Fort Kearny State Historical Park

1020 V Rd Enjoy the living history demonstrations. Canon firing at 2pm. 9am-5pm, Park entry permit required. Gene Hunt (308) 865-5305

May 23-25

Wisner, Cuming County

Elkhorn Valley Arts Unlimited Art Fest

Rainbow Dance Studio, 909 Ave E Enjoy artwork of all kinds displayed by area artists. Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm; Mon, 9am-noon, Free Peggy Liermann (402) 529-3338

www.wisnercommunitydevelopment.org

May 23-Sep 20

Kearney, Buffalo County

Pushing Paint

Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA), 2401 Central Ave A glimpse at paintings by a select group of non-representational artists and the diverse way they utilize their media. Tue-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm, Donations welcome (308) 865-8559 monet.unk.edu/mona

May 23-Sep 7

Omaha, Douglas County

Moneyville

The Durham Museum, 801 S. 10th St This highly-interactive exhibit promotes economic literacy in a fun, immersive urban environment. (402) 444-5071 www.durhammuseum.org

May 24

Ewing, Holt County

Funfes

Summerland Golf Course & Main St Firemen's breakfast, Putt for Dough Hole-in-One Contest, BBQ, street dance and more. 7am-1am, \$8 dance admission Greg Thramer (402) 626-7293

May 24

Springview, Keya Paha County

Fiddlers Jamboree

Keya Paha School, multi-purpose room Enjoy an evening of music! Fiddles, guitars, drums, banjos, singing, yodeling and poetry. 7pm, Donation Bob Keneston (402) 497-2157

May 24

Wolbach, Greeley County

Memorial Day Celebration

City-wide Potato bar, afternoon dance by the Boot Scooters, bull riding events and street dance. Events begin at 11:30am

May 25

Boys Town, Douglas County

Memorial Day Run

The Village of Boys Town 5K run. 8am-11am (402) 498-1141 www.visitboystown.org

May 25

Grand Island, Hall County

1890s Memorial Day Celebration

Stuhr Museum, 3133 W. US Hwy 34 A flag-led procession to the rural cemetery, memorial service, patriotic concerts and other activities highlight this tribute to soldiers. 10am-5pm, \$6-\$8 Martha Paulsen (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

May 25

Madison, Madison County

Military History and War Monument Festival

City auditorium Enjoy military history displays, reenactments and historical presentations. 10am-3pm, Free Carol Robertson (402) 992-1221 www.madisoncountyhistory.org

May 25

Ohiowa, Fillmore County

Annual Memorial Day Service

City auditorium & Legion Hall Program and buffet lunch. 10am (402) 295-2556

May 25

Omaha, Douglas County

Prospect Hill Cemetery's Old-Fashioned Memorial Day Observance

32nd & Parker Sts Includes a uniformed color guard, 40 piece band, 21 musket salute, speakers and more. Begins at 10:45am, Donation David Harding (402) 553-5704

May 25-Sep 7

Harrison, Sioux County

Artists-in-Residence Weekends

Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, 301 River Rd Purchase Native American artwork and see artists at work. Fri-Sun, 9am-5pm Lil Mansfield (308) 668-2211 www.nps.gov/agfo

May 27-28

Lincoln, Lancaster County

NSAA Boys State Golf Championships

Locations in Lincoln & Kearney \$5-\$7 (402) 489-0386 www.nsaahome.org

May 28

Grand Island, Hall County

Stuhr Under the Stars

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, 3133 W. Hwy 34 Grab the lawn chairs, snag some popcorn and settle in for a special evening of history, film and fun at Stuhr Museum. Gates open at 7pm, \$6-\$8 Martha Paulsen (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

May 28-Sep 10

Nebraska City, Otoe County

Farmers Market

8th St & Corso Thursdays, 3:45-6:30pm (402) 873-6654 www.nebraskacity.com

May 29-30

Omaha, Douglas County

Mahler's Fifth

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St The scope of Mahler's work is remarkably distinctive, from the opening funereal trumpet solo to the finale that almost forces you to hold your breath. 8pm, \$15-\$75 (402) 342-3560 www.omahasymphony.org

May 29-31

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Hot Rod Super Nationals

State Fair Park Mike Moore (402) 474-5371 www.statefair.org

May 29-31

Ord, Valley County

ExtraORDinary Days

Downtown This event honors Evelyn Sharp, an Ord woman who lost her life piloting a P-38 in WWII. Children's games, bed races, fishing contest, carnival and more. Free (308) 728-7875 www.visitvalleycounty.com

May 29-June 14

Manley, Cass County

Over the Tavern

Lofte Community Theatre Drama with hilarious moments and a sentimental look at families, growing up and God. It's a great script that is sure entertain! Thu-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2:30pm, \$16 (402) 234-2553 www.Lofte.com

May 29-June 28

Omaha, Douglas County

Gypsy

Omaha Community Playhouse, 6915 Cass St The ultimate story about an aggressive stage mother. Wed-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2 & 6:30pm (402) 553-0800 www.omahaplayhouse.org

May 30

Barneston, Gage County

Q125 Celebration

City-wide Parade at 11am, chicken BBQ, reenactments, street dance, children's games, fireworks and other activities. John McMurray (402) 674-3271 www.BarnestonNE.com

May 30

Grand Island, Hall County

Mopar Show & Shine

Roy's Grand Dodge, 1803 S. Locust St 10am-2pm (308) 384-8300

May 30

Kearney, Buffalo County

24th Annual Wagons West Celebration at Trails & Rails Museum

710 W. 11th St Celebrate the pioneers' trek through Buffalo County with great music and hands-on exhibits. 10am-7pm Jennifer Murrish (308) 234-3041 www.bchs.us

May 30

Kimball, Kimball County

Fishing Derby

Lake Oliver 9am-3pm (308) 235-3782 www.ci.kimball.ne.us

May 30

Oakland, Burt County

Team Roping Contest

Burt County Fairgrounds Jasmine Helzer (402) 685-

May 30

York, York County

Family Fun Day

Wessels Living History Farm, 1 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 353 on US Hwy 81 Period games, kite flying contests, food and barn dance at 4:30pm featuring The Kramer Sisters. 1pm until dark, \$3-\$5 Dale Clark (402) 710-0682 www.livinghistoryfarm.org

May 30-31

Fremont, Dodge County

Fremont Coin Show

City auditorium, 929 N. Broad St Buy, sell and trade. Bob Missel (402) 727-1531

May 30-31

Lexington, Dawson County

Memorial Weekend Antique Flea Market

Fairgrounds Antiques and collectibles offered by more than 100 dealers from 11 states. Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm, \$2 Cindi Svarvari (308) 234-4354 www.casantiquemarketing.com

May 30-June 7

Harrison, Sioux County

Wildflower Walks

Agate Fossil Beds National Monument Celebrate Nebraska Wildflower Week. 10am & 2pm Lil Mansfield (308) 668-2211 www.nps.gov/agfo

May 31

Brownville, Nemaha County

Marimbist & Composer: Pius Cheung

Brownville Concert Series 2pm (402) 825-3331 www.brownville-ne.com

June

Chappell, Deuel County

Flag Days

City-wide Golf tournament, children's fishing derby, baseball games, street dance and other activities. Connie Loos (308) 874-9912 www.chappellchamber.com

June

Gering, Scotts Bluff County

Pony Express Reride at Scotts Bluff National Monument

Scotts Bluff National Monument Reenactment of the ride from St. Joseph, MO to Sacramento, CA. \$5 per vehicle (308) 436-9700 www.nps.gov/scbl

June

Gibbon, Buffalo County

Youth Chautauqua Birthday Party for Mrs. William Nutter

TBA Megan Hoyt will portray Mrs. William Nutter, whose birthday was June 16th, 1835. TBA, Free Jennifer Murrish (308) 234-3041 www.bchs.us

June

Imperial, Chase County

Celebration on the Square

Courthouse square A celebration including music, food, crafts and children's activities. 9am-4pm, Free Jill Moline (308) 338-5389 www.chasecounty.com

June

Kearney, Buffalo County

Pony Express Reride at Fort Kearny State Historical Park

1020 V Rd Reenactment of the ride from St. Joseph, MO to Sacramento, CA. NE park entry permit required. Gene Hunt (308) 865-5305

June

Long Pine, Brown County

Long Pine Days

Main St Parade, BBQ, Bluegrass music, tractor pull, duck races, cowboy poetry and street dance. www.cityoflongpine.org

June

Ord, Valley County

No ORDinary Adventure Race

Ord and surrounding area Endurance race includes biking, running, canoeing and more. (308) 728-7875 www.ordneusa.com

June

Sargent, Custer County

Choke Cherry Jamboree & Sargent Fair

City park Carnival, parade, pit spitting contest, Little Miss Choke Cherry contest and more fun events. Free Jackie Ropers (308) 527-4114

June 1-30

Grand Island, Hall County

From the Heart

Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St Featuring the recent paintings of Nebraska landscapes by Jenine Wilhelms and Linda Woodward. Reception June 5, 5:30-8:30pm (308) 381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com

June 1-30

Kearney, Buffalo County

Native American Month

Great Platte River Road Archway, 3060 E. 1st St Exhibits and live re-enactments. Learn about the Native American tribes of Nebraska. 9am-6pm, Free Linda Terry (308) 237-1000 www.archway.org

June 1-July 5

Belvidere, Thayer County

Thayer County Museum Bridal Display

Thayer County Museum Dresses and grooms suits from 1800s to present day. Sun & Wed, 2-4pm, \$1 Annette Laber (402) 768-2327

June 1-Sep 31

Hastings, Adams County

Mount It: The Art of Taxidermy

Hastings Museum Discover how the animals of the museum hold their shape and how taxidermy has changed over the past 100 years. Sun, noon-6pm; Tue-Thu, 9am-5pm; Fri-Sat, 9am-8pm, \$4-\$6 (800) 508-4629 www.hastingsmuseum.org

June-Aua

Beatrice, Gage County

Farmers Market

5th St between High & Ella The summer's best produce from local farmers along with baked goods and live entertainment. Thu, 5-7pm, Free Angela Fortier (402) 423-3244 www.mainstreetbeatrice.org

June-Aug

Beatrice, Gage County

Beatrice Bruins Baseball

Christenson Field Watch semi-professional baseball at a local level and cost. Bob Steinkamp (402) 223-8000 www.beatricebruins.com

June-Aug

Bellevue, Sarpy County

Annual Quilt Show

Sarpy County Historical Museum, 2402 Clay St Featuring more than 50 quilts. \$.50 - \$2 Gary Iske (402) 292-1880

June-Aua

Boys Town, Douglas County

Farmers Market

Village of Boys Town Home-grown produce raised by the children of Boys Town. Weds, 1:30-3:45pm; Fri, 9:45am-11:45am & 1:30-3:45pm, Free (402) 498-1141 www.visitboystown.org

June-Aua

Gering, Scotts Bluff County

Friday Evening Campfire Ranger Programs

Scotts Bluff National Monument Programs in the outdoor amphitheater range from the national historic trails to the geology of Scotts Bluff National Monument. 8pm, \$5 per vehicle (308) 436-9700 www.nps.gov/scbl

June-Sep 20

Chapman, Merrick County

Bader Challenge

Bader Park, 3 mi. S. of town Get outside and have some fun. Hiking, biking, horse riding challenge combined with running and canoe, kayak, tank float. Route information available with registration. Challenge runs all summer, must complete route by Sep 20, \$15/person (308) 940-2665 www.freewebs.com/baderpark

June 2-30

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Jazz in June

Sheldon Museum of Art, 12th & R Sts Enjoy jazz in the great outdoors! Downtown market held from 5-9pm, 30 minute UNL garden tours available at 6pm, and featured jazz musicians each week. Tuesdays at 7pm, Free (402) 472-2461 www.jazzinjune.com

June 2-Dec 31

Hastings, Adams County

Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs

Lied Super Screen Theatre Journey to the royal tombs of Egypt and explore the history of ancient Egyptian society as told through the mummies of the past. \$5.50-\$7 (800) 508-4629 www.hastingsmuseum.org

June 2-July 12

Omaha, Douglas County

Myth & Mundane

Florence Mill ArtLoft, 9102 N. 30th St An exhibit of drawings and paintings by Stephanie Olesh. Tue-Sun, 1-5pm and by appt. Opening reception June 7, 1:30-4:30pm (402) 551-1233

June 4-Aug 13

Columbus, Platte County

Lawn Chairs on the Square

Frankfort Square Park, 13th St & 26th Ave Various musical events presented by local and professional talent. Free entertainment for children. Thursdays, 7-8:30pm, Free Kevin Johnson (402) 564-1307 www.columbusnedowntown.com

June 4-Oct 22

York, York County

York Towne Centre Farmers Market

Courthouse lawn Produce, baked goods and more. Thu, 5-7pm, Free Todd Kirshenbaum (402) 362-5531 www.yorkchamber.org

June 5-28

Omaha, Douglas County

Disney's High School Musical

The Rose Theater, 2001 Farnam St East High will never be the same when basketball star Troy and the brainy new student Gabriella break out of their groups to audition for the school musical. Thu-Fri, 7pm; Sat-Sun 2pm, \$20-\$25 (402) 345-4849 www.rosetheater.org

June 5-6

Doniphan, Hall County

Cattlemen's Ball of Nebraska

Gala that showcases rural Nebraska and includes a beef dinner, entertainment and assorted activities. \$65-\$300 Greg Robb (402) 845-2985 www.cattlemensball.com

June 5-6

Henderson, York County

13th Annual Christian Music Festival

School Theater, 1501 Front St & City Park, 14th & Cedar Sts Presenting more than 20 groups from across the United States with a wide variety of styles. Homemade German foods and excellent music. Fri, 2-8pm; Sat, 10am-9pm, Free will donation Kelsey Bergen (402) 723-4228 www.telcoweb.net/cmf/

June 5-6

Plainview, Pierce County Plainview Klown Festival

City-wide Two parades, fireworks, BBQ, family activities, entertainment and show and shine car show. (402) 582-4861

June 5-7

Alliance, Box Butte County

Thunder on the Prairie Rod Run

Central Park Classic cars, street rods and trucks on display along with a dance, poker run and award program. Fri, 6pm; Sat, 8am; Sun, 8:30am, Free Tony Roby (308) 762-2718 www.385cruisers.com

June 5-7

Dannebrog, Howard County Grundlovsfest (Danish Days)

Downtown Enjoy a parade, games, crafts, remote control car races, Danish dancers and more. Free Shirley Johnson (308) 226-2237 www.dannebrog.org

June 5-7

Loup City, Sherman County

Polish Days

Downtown Ethnic food, parade, carnival, melodrama, Polka street dance and more. Dianne Wiberg (308) 745-0430 www.loupcity.com

June 5-7

Oakland, Burt County

Swedish Festival

Downtown Celebrate Swedish heritage with ethnic dancing, delicious food, games and more. Kiley Johnson (402) 685-5005

June 5-7

Omaha, Douglas County

Nebraska State Chili Cookoff at Miller's Landing

151 Freedom Park Rd Event kicks-off with a cruise on the River City Star. Cooking competition, public tastings and live entertainment. Noon-3pm, \$5 Sue Dudzik (402) 572-1479

June 5-7

Omaha, Douglas County

Taste of Omaha

Heartland of America Park and Lewis & Clark Landing A festival of great foods and entertainment! Music, rides, food, crafts, exhibits and more. Fri-Sat, 11am-11pm; Sun, 11am-8pm, Free Mike Mancuso (402) 346-8003 www.showofficeonline.com

June 5-7

Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff County

Sugar Valley Rally and Arts & Crafts Festival

115 Railway St and Frank Park, E. 27th St & Broadway The rally consists of a gathering of vintage cars along with a precision driving contest. Family festival with bands, poetry, dancers, vocalists, Elvis impersonators and more than 100 vendors. Free Terry Bonds or Bev Overman (308) 632-3642 (877) 632-3381 www.sugarvalleyrally.com

June 5-7

Tekamah, Burt County

50th Anniversary of the Hoot Gibson Memorial Rodeo

Rodeo arena on NE Hwy 32 Enjoy the rodeo on Fri and Sat night, queen contest and children's contests. Barb Nelson (402) 374-2836

June 5-7

Wymore, Gage County

Sam Wymore Days

Arbor State Park Join in the fun and celebrate the founding of Wymore. Parade, flea market, ball tournaments and free entertainment. (402) 645-3693

June 5-Aug 28

Omaha, Douglas County

Rockbrook Village Friday Concerts

2800 S. 110th Court Local musicians entertain families every Friday night throughout the summer. Fri, 7-8pm, Free Merrilee Miller (402) 390-0890 www.rockbrookvillage.com

June 6

Anselmo, Custer County Very Important Kid Day

Victoria Springs SRA Big fish and little fish contest, casting contest, frisbie golf, hayrack rides and paddleboating 10am-6pm, Park entry permit required Russ Wilkie (308) 749-2235 www.outdoornebraska.org

June 6

Burwell, Garfield County

Calamus Carp Tournament

Calamus Reservoir Dick Watts (308) 346-5695 www.visitburwell.org

June 6

Fairmont, Fillmore County

Nebraska State Fly-In

Fairmont Airfield D-day at the historical airbase. Aerobatics, guided tours, Young Eagles fly free, ultralights, radio controlled aircraft, war birds and more. 8:30am-5:30pm Frank Heinisch (402) 759-3122

June 6

Gering, Scotts Bluff County

National Trails Day Celebration

Scotts Bluff National Monument, 190276 Hwy 92 W. Outdoor enthusiasts, athletes and history buffs will join in their trail experience pursuits. Living history demonstrations, hiking and more. \$5 per vehicle (308) 436-9700 www.nps.gov/scbl

June 6

Hastings, Adams County

South Central Czech Festival

VFW Club, 1053 Wabash Ave Accordian jamboree, baked goods, Czech dancers, ethnic foods and more. 11am-10pm, Free Donna Gruntorad (308) 384-7355 www.nebraskaczechs.org

June 6

Ogallala, Keith County

All American Local Championship Soap Box Derby Race

Wild West Soap Box Derby Track Dave Barrett (308) 289-1464

June 6

Ogallala, Keith County

Couples Classic Tournament

West Winds Golf Course Corey Crandell (308) 284-4358

June 6

Shickley, Fillmore County

Annual Tractor Pull Event

100 Market St Stock and modified divisions, food and beverages. Patt Lentfer (402) 759-4910 www.fillmorecountydevelopment.org

June 6-7

Fairbury, Jefferson County

Rock Creek Trail Days

Rock Creek Station State Historical Park, 57426 710 Rd Living history demonstrations, Pony Express runs and Hickok-McCanles re-enactment and dutch oven cooking. Buffalo stew cookout Sat, 7pm. Daily, 9am-5pm, Park permit required. Wayne Brandt (402) 729-5777 www.outdoornebraska.org

June 6-7

Fremont, Dodge County

St. Patrick's Festival

St. Patrick's Church, 4th & Union Sts Delicious ethnic foods, games and children's rides. Sun, 11am-7pm; Sat, 4-9pm, Free Alvina Heimann (402) 721-6067 www.stpatsfremont.org June 6-7

Howells, Colfax County

Maple Creek Days

Ballroom & downtown Entertainment, golf tournament, garden tractor pull, inflatable midway, old timer softball games, talent contest and street dance. Sat evening and all day Sun, Free Cheryl Sudbeck (402) 986-1777 www.ci.howells.ne.us

June 6-7

Minden, Kearney County

Pioneer Village Days

Harold Warp Pioneer Village, 138 E. US Hwy 6 Celebrate the 56th anniversary of the founding of Pioneer Village. 8am-5pm, Museum admission Marshall Nelson (308) 832-1181 www.pioneervillage.org

June 6-7

Monroe, Platte County

Monroe Fest 2009

City-wide Featuring a street dance, car show, parade, vendors and fun activities for the entire family. Bill Zoucha (402) 495-2462

June 6-Sep 6

Omaha, Douglas County

River of Gold: Precolumbian Treasures from Sitio Conte

Joslyn Art Museum, 2200 Dodge St Featuring artifacts from Penn Museum's excavation including more than 120 extraordinary Precolumbian gold artifacts. Tue-Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun, noon-4pm, \$4-\$7 (402) 342-3300 www.joslyn.org

June 7

Central City, Merrick County

Fly-In Breakfast

Airport, 1346 Ormsby Rd Antique and military airplane displays, parachuting, airplane rides and breakfast. Events begin at 7am, Free Don Shorney (308) 946-3450

June 7

Columbus, Platte County

Orphan Train Riders Festival

Platte County Historical Society Museum, 2916 16th St Experience the history of orphan children who rode trains across America to new homes between 1854 and 1929. Hear stories from the riders, descendants of the riders and authors. 10am-4pm Charlotte Endorf (866) 492-9546

June 7

Omaha, Douglas County

Rose Show

Lauritzen Gardens - Omaha's Botanical Center, 100 Bancroft St Rose garden tours, Omaha Rose Society information booth, Ask the Rosarian booth and more. (402) 346-4002 www.lauritzengardens.org

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Surprise, Butler County

17th Annual Tractor Pull

Village park Classic tractors, open class and pure stock pulls - 1958 and older. Noon, Free Susan Doehling

June 7-13

Trenton, Hitchcock County

BRAN - Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska

Ride travels through Nebraska and ends in Omaha This week long tour provides an up-close and personal journey through the unheralded beauty and charm of Nebraska. Vickie Backman (402) 397-9785 www.bran-inc.org

June 7-28

Gering, Scotts Bluff County

Music at the Monument

Scotts Bluff National Monument, 190276 Hwy 92 W. Featuring Martin Gilmore with Music of the Western Frontier, The Prairie Dogs, Mr. Conrad's Musicademy, and Brian Lee with Nebraska Clouds & Plains. Every Sun at 7pm, \$5 per vehicle (308) 436-9700 www.nps.gov/scbl

June 10-11

Bassett, Rock County

Nebraska Ranch Expo

Rock County Fairgrounds, S.W. corner of town More than 40 acres of ranch related exhibits, demonstrations, antique tractor show, ATV races, cattle shows, crafts and entertainment. 10am-6pm, Free Gene & Dixie DeBolt (402) 244-5471 www.nebraskaranchexpo.com

June 11-14

Blair, Washington County

Gateway to the West Days

City-wide Four day festival including Taste of Blair, Jazz in the Park, street dance, craft show, car show, carnival and more. Free Harriet Waite (402) 533-4455 www.blairchamber.org

June 11-14

Oxford, Furnas County

Turkey Days

City-wide Children's activities, turkey feed, parade, dances and more. Lisa Rhynalds (308) 991-8818 www.oxfordnebraska.com

June 11-21

North Platte, Lincoln County

NEBRASKAland Days

City-wide & Buffalo Bill Arena Explore the lure of the West including PRCA rodeos, top name concerts, parades, athletic contests, food events, micro brew festival, boxing and many more. (308) 532-7939 (888) 313-5606 www.nebraskalanddays.com

June 11-July 30

Grand Island, Hall County

Summer Concert Series

Various parks A lawn chair or a blanket is all you'll need to enjoy these concerts. Thursdays, 8-9:30pm, Free (308) 385-5444

June 12-13

Grand Island, Hall County

Truck Driving Championships

Fonner Park, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd The state's best drivers demonstrate their talent and skills in this competition. Free Bruce Swihart (308) 382-4515 www.fonnerpark.com

June 12-13

Lewellen, Garden County

17th Annual Ash Hollow Pageant

Ash Hollow State Historical Park, 3 mi. S.E. on Hwy 26 Outdoor music and theatrical performance of "Oregon Trail - The Early Years." History is told through music and drama. Tours, displays and chuckwagon supper. Dinner 5-6:30pm; show begins at 6:30pm, Park permit required. Jean Jensen (308) 778-5548 www.oregontrailne.com

June 12-13

Lexington, Dawson County 6th Annual Plum Creek Rodeo

Dawson County Fairgrounds, 1000 Plum Creek Pkwy 7pm nightly, \$4-\$8 Julie Harris (308) 324-5504 www.visitlexington.org

June 12-13

McCook, Red Willow County

Buffalo Commons Storytelling Festival

Fox Theater, Norris Park, Bieroc Cafe & High Plains Museum Award-winning festival brings nationally-known storytellers, poets and musicians to the stage in celebration of ordinary people living extraordinary lives. Events begin at 7:30pm, \$10 for evening performances Mary Dueland (308) 345-6163 www.buffalocommons.org

June 12-13

Palmyra, Otoe County

Old Settler's Picnic

City-wide Community event includes outdoor movies, food vendors, parade, bingo, children's activities, street dance, beer garden, flea market and more. Free Donna Eustrum (402) 780-5355

June 12-13

Springfield, Sarpy County

Springfield Days & Bugeater Flea Market

Sarpy County Fairgrounds and Main St Fireworks, carnival, BBQ contest and more. Flea market hosts more than 80 vendors showcasing collectibles, arts and crafts and antiques. Fri, 5-10pm; Sat, 7am-12:30am, Free Shanna Simonsen (402) 935-7917 www.springfieldnebraska.com

June 12-14

Crawford, Dawes County

10th Annual Intertribal Gathering at Fort Robinson State Park

3200 US Hwy 20 Exciting cultural festival with authentic Native American arts and crafts along with traditional powwow dancing, drum and song. Park permit required Ron Moore (308) 632-1311 www.panhandlercd.com

June 12-14

Johnson, Nemaha County

Father's Day BBQ Celebration

Main St Take part in sports tournaments and children's games, watch the street car race, view the antique tractor display, boogie with "The Rumbles" at the street dance or nibble on some great BBQ.

June 12-14

Milligan, Fillmore County

June Jubilee

Centennial Garden, 6th & L Sts Live bands, parade, antique tractor pull, sports tournaments, Polka music and more. Scott Oliva (402) 629-4446 www.milliganne.org

June 12-14

Newman Grove, Madison County

Shell Creek Valley Days

City-wide Music festival, bull riding, street dance, classic car show and more. Shari Auge (402) 447-6444 www.ci.newman-grove.ne.us

June 12-14

Palisade, Hitchcock County

Pioneer Days

Main St Parade, BBQ, art show, car show, softball tournaments, games and swimming. Free Kari Klumpe (308) 883-0897

June 12-14

Pickrell, Gage County

Pickrell's 125th Anniversary Celebration

City-wide Street dance, parade, children's games, fun run, car show, fireworks and more. Kenneth Schuster (402) 673-3064

June 12-14

Upland, Franklin County

Faces Rally

Downtown and city park Motorcycle fun run, games, vendors, hog roast and street dance. \$15 John Eckhardt (308) 350-3126 www.facesrally.org

June 12-Aug 16

Brownville, Nemaha County

Brownville Village Theatre's 43rd Season

Brownville Village Theatre, 222 Water St Nebraska's oldest repertory theatre presents a season of comedy, drama and mystery. Enjoy 5 shows that run throughout the season. 2pm & 7:30pm, \$8-\$12 Dr. Charles Harper (402) 825-4121 www.brownvillevillagetheatre.org

June 13

Brownville, Nemaha County

Wine 'til Nine

Whiskey Run Creek Winery This Brownville Historical Society fundraiser supports the Didier Log Cabin project. 6:30-9pm (402) 825-6001 www.brownville-ne.com

June 13

Cambridge, Furnas County Concerts on the Creek

72184 Cross Creek Rd Enjoy a fabulous meal, a performance by Nebraska's most celebrated chamber group and breath taking views of the Republican River valley. 5:30-9:30pm, \$25 Becky Van de Bogart (402) 429-8227 www.tccp.us

June 13

Eustis, Frontier County

Wurst Tag

Downtown Celebration of the town's German heritage with German food, polka music, sausage stuffing, car show, contests and demonstrations. \$5 Mari Banzhaf (308) 486-5615 www.eustisnebraska.com

June 13

Fairbury, Jefferson County

Adventure Race

Burkley Wellness Center Take part in the multievent adventure race. 8am-8pm, \$65 particpants, free for spectators Craig Bontrager (402) 729-6139 www.nscracing.com

June 13

Gering, Scotts Bluff County

Arts Festival - A Celebration of the Arts!

Legion Park, 12th & N Sts Showcasing more than 60 regional artists of all mediums exhibiting in outdoor studios and galleries. Children's art activities, entertainment, sidewalk chalk art and food vendors. 9am-4pm, Free Karla Niedan-Streeks (308) 346-6886 www.gering.org

June 13

Hastings, Adams County

Nebraska Shrine Soccer Classic

Osborne Sports Complex Eighty of the best graduating senior soccer players in the state compete. Girls play at 11am, boys play at 1:30pm, \$5 Randy Borecky www.shrinesoccer.com

June 13

Lincoln, Lancaster County

SummerFest

State Fair Park Auto show and swap meet with music, shopping, children's activities and mini motorcross racing. Noon-midnight (402) 474-5371 www.statefair.org

June 13

Sidney, Cheyenne County Gold Rush Days

Legion Park Frontier village, arts and crafts, entertainment, square dancing, shoot-out, chuckwagon cookout and activities for young and old. Free Larry Fraas (308) 254-5161 www.cheyennecountychamber.com

June 13-14

Brownville, Nemaha County

Arboretum Open House & Garden Tour

BFAA Governor Furnas Arboretum, Main St 10am-4pm, Free John Lauber (402) 825-6637 www.brownville-ne.com

June 13-14

Columbus, Platte County

Antique Tractor, Gas Engine Show and Flea Market

Pawnee Park Displays of farm equipment, antiques and old-time gas engines. Corn shelling, blacksmithing and other demonstrations. Sat, 8amdusk; Sun, 8am-5pm, Free Bob or Diane Silva (402) 564-3669

June 13-14

Farwell, Howard County

Food, Faith, Fun and Ball in Farwell Days

City-wide Vintage baseball game, exhibit, potluck and church service to celebrate the feast day of St. Anthony and also the Sherman-Howard Baseball League. Free, donations accepted (402) 657-9150 www.farwellathleticclub.com

June 13-14

North Platte, Lincoln County

Heritage Days Festival

Lincoln County Historical Museum, 2403 N. Buffalo Bill Ave Food and craft vendors, historic demonstrations, entertainment, dutch oven cook-off and a working antique farm show. 10am-4pm, Free James Griffin (308) 534-5640 www.lincolncountymuseum.org

June 13-14

Republican City, Harlan County

Nebraska Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament

Harlan County Lake, Patterson Harbor, 12121 Rd 3 Sat, 7am-4pm; Sun, 7am-3pm, \$160 per 2 person team Gary Janssen (308) 928-2021

June 13-15

Franklin, Franklin County

Bargains on Byways

South-central Nebraska communities A 3-day yard sale covering a 300-mile radius. Antiques, collectables and beautiful scenery. Free Pat Ayres (308) 425-6295 www.bargainsonbyways.com

June 13-24

Omaha, Douglas County

NCAA Men's College World Series

Rosenblatt Stadium, I-80 Exit 454 Eight of the nation's top college baseball teams travel the road to Omaha in hopes of taking home the championship title. (402) 554-4404 www.cwsomaha.com

June 13-July 24

Columbus, Platte County

New Harmonies - Smithsonian Touring Exhibit

Platte County Historical Society, 2916 16th St Exhibition that celebrates the cultural process that has made America the birthplace of great music. (402) 564-1856 www.nebraskahumanities.org

June 13-Oct 17

Columbus, Platte County

Farmers Market

Frankfort Square Park, 13th St & 26th Ave Saturdays, 7:30am-noon, Free Kevin Johnson (402) 564-1307 www.columbusnedowntown.com

June 14

Kearney, Buffalo County

2nd Annual 1/2 Marathon: Buffalo County Stampede

Trails & Rails Museum, 710 W. 11th St Race through historic places and beautiful scenery in the Kearney area. Race begins at 7am Jennifer Murrish (308) 234-3041 www.bchs.us

June 14

Omaha, Douglas County

Munroe Meyer Garden Walk & Faire

Various gardens Garden walk featuring unique gardens. Home and garden art vendors. 9am-5pm, \$15 Deb Marasco (402) 359-1864 www.mmigardenwalk.com

June 14-20

Norfolk, Madison County

Great American Comedy Festival

Johnny Carson Theatre at Norfolk High School and various venues In honor of Johnny Carson, the king of late-night television. Comedians from across the US will compete for top prizes. The week ends with a Gala Showcase featuring nationally known talent. Lora Young (888) 371-2932

www.greatamericancomedyfestival.com

June 16-Aug 25

Omaha, Douglas County

Tempo of Twilight

Lauritzen Gardens, 100 Bancroft St Enjoy outdoor concerts in the beauty of the garden. Select Tuesdays, 6-8pm, \$3-\$7 Maureen Thomsen (402) 346-4002

June 16-Oct 18

Kearney, Buffalo County

On the Hoof: Audubon Selections

Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA), 2401 Central Ave Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm, Free Gina Garden (308) 865-8559 monet.unk.edu/mona

June 17-21

Beatrice, Gage County

Homestead Days

City-wide & Homestead National Monument of America, 8523 W. NE Hwy 4 Interactive opportunities to experience pioneer life with traditional demonstrators. Nationally-known entertainers, antique tractor and car shows and much more. Free (402) 223-2338 www.visitbeatrice.com

June 17-21

Broken Bow, Custer County

Bright Dreams, Hard Times: America in the Thirties - KS/NE Chautauqua

Custer County Fairgrounds, Jct NE Hwys 2 & 92 Experience the 1930s! Scholars present 5 characters including Will Rogers, FDR, Huey Long, Aimee Semple McPherson and Zora Neale Hurston Workshops and activities for all ages. Free Beth McQueen (402) 474-2131 www.knchautauqua.org

June 17-21

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Tour de Nebraska Bicycle Adventure

Begins and ends in Lincoln Five day adventure for cyclists traveling throughout Nebraska. Susan Rodenburg (402) 421-1401 www.tourdenebraska.com

June 17-21

Wisner, Cuming County

Lions Club Rodeo and Jr. Livestock Show

River Park Full rodeo with bull riding, concessions, livestock shows and activities for all ages. Rodeo Fri-Sat, 7:30pm, Rodeo: \$5-\$8 Peggy Lierman (402) 529-3338 www.wisnercommunitydevelopment.org

June 18-19

Clarkson, Colfax County

20th Annual Mid-States Rodeo

City park All the great rodeo events plus wild horse races and sheep riding for the kids. 7:30pm Chuck Hamernik (402) 892-3870 www.ci.clarkson.ne.us

June 18-21

Bloomfield, Knox County

Bloomfield Appreciation Dayz

City-wide A variety of events for all ages! (402) 373-2272 www.ci.bloomfield.ne.us

June 18-21

Papillion, Sarpy County

Papillion Days 2009

City park, 84th & Lincoln Sts Celebration for everyone including live bands, vendors, dances, carnival and parades. Thu, 3-10pm; Fri, 5-10pm; Sat, 10am-10pm; Sun, noon-6pm, Free Racheal Cascio (402) 331-3917 www.papilliondays.org

June 18-21

Ravenna, Buffalo County

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City-wide Annual event includes a demolition derby, ranch rodeo, tractor pull, carnival and many more events. Kerry Eilenstine (308) 452-3225 www.ci.ravenna.ne.us

June 18-July 5

Omaha, Douglas County

Nebraska Shakespeare on the Green

Elmwood Park, 60th & Dodge Sts Festival of Shakespeare's plays in a beautiful outdoor setting. Live musical performances, refreshments, souvenirs and Shakes-perience for the kids. Preshow 5:30pm; performance 8pm, Free Nellie MacCallam (402) 556-4396 www.nebraskashakespeare.com

June 19

Holdrege, Phelps County

Swedish Supper Event

Nebraska Prairie Museum, 2701 Burlington St Swedish supper is served from 5-7pm followed by Swedish dancing and singing. \$3-\$6 Dan VanDyke (308) 995-5015 www.nebraskaprairie.org

June 19-20

Ashland, Saunders County

16th Annual Testicle Festival

Round the Bend Steakhouse, 30801 E. Park Hwy - 2 mi. E. of I-80 Exit 426 Enjoy 2 nights of live bands! Rocky mountain oysters, burgers, hot dogs, funnel cakes and all your favorite beverages available. Daily, 5pm-12:30am, \$5-\$8 Ron Olson (402) 944-9974 www.roundthebendsteakhouse.com

June 19-20

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Celebrate Lincoln

Downtown on N St, between 12th & 14th Sts Experience the world as the downtown streets are transformed into a colorful, bustling world market. Discover food, music and a family zone filled with interactive activities. Daily, 11am-11:30pm Frances Schoonveld (402) 434-6902 www.celebratelincoln.org

June 19-21

Bennington, Douglas County

Bennington Daze

Main St BBQ, children's games, movie, parade, street dance, beer garden and sports tournaments. Mindi Laaker (402) 238-2375 www.benningtonne.com

June 19-21

Clarkson, Colfax County

47th Annual Czech Festival

Pine St Entertainment for all ages including ethnic foods, music and dancing. Daily, noon-1am Martin Kluthe (402) 892-3210 www.ci.clarkson.ne.us

June 19-21

Creighton, Knox County

Berry Pepper Days

City-wide Fun activities for all ages including a street dance, car show, parade, ribfest cook-off, fly-in breakfast and road rally. Free Steve Morrill (402) 358-5654 www.creighton.org

June 19-21

Decatur, Burt County

Riverfront Days

City-wide Fish fry, dance, parade, beer garden and boat-in breakfast. Linda Dunning (402) 349-5593 www.ci.decatur.ne.us

June 19-21

Deshler, Thayer County

Deshler Daze

City-wide BBQ, dance, fishing contest, pancake breakfast, remote control model plane fly-in, Little Tuggers tractor pull, road rally and other fun events. Julie Buescher (402) 365-4260 www.deshlernebraska.com

June 19-21

Grand Island, Hall County

Stuhr Museum's Sports and Games Weekend

3133 W. US Hwy 34 Stuhr's tribute to 1890s sports begins with family games on Friday and continues throughout the weekend with Vintage Baseball, games in Railroad town and a mystery main event. Fri-Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, noon-5pm, \$6-\$8 Martha Paulsen (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

June 19-21

Hastings, Adams County

20th Annual Cottonwood Festival

Brickyard Park, 1919 W. D St Fine arts festival with sculptures, pottery, paintings, fine art, art demonstrations, crafts, children's activities and nationally recognized entertainment on 2 stages. Fri, 4-9pm; Sat, 10am-9pm; Sun, 11am-4pm Donna Hastings (402) 461-8412 www.cottonwoodfestival.org

June 19-21

Ohiowa, Fillmore County

Ohiowa Days

City-wide Activities for all ages including softball games, children's games and street dance. Patt Lentfer (402) 759-4910 www.fillmorecountydevelopment.org

June 19-21

Ord, Valley County

34th Annual Father's Day Rod Run

Downtown Dad's can spend a day in the past, enjoying classic cars. Burn out on Sat night, Sun show and shine and parade of cars. Free Gary Garnick (308) 728-3201 www.visitvalleycounty.com

June 19-21

Stromsburg, Polk County

Swedish Midsommar Festival

Downtown & Buckley Park Swedish tractor pull, road race, 3 on 3 basketball, chicken and pork chop BBQ, smorgasbord on Sat, parade, Swedish dancers, viking entertainment, soap box derby, Taste of Sweden and more. Free Sharon Noyd (402) 764-5265 www.stromsburgnebraska.com

June 19-28

Beatrice, Gage County

Sin, Sex & the CIA

Community Players Theatre, 412 Ella St A bumbling CIA agent must protect an important oil conference, but everything goes comically wrong in this action-packed-farce. Fri-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2pm, \$8-\$13 Jamie Ulmer (402) 228-1801 www.beatricecommunityplayers.com

June 20

Bellevue, Sarpy County

Summer Forest Free Day

Fontenelle Forest Nature Center, 111 N. Bellevue Blvd Activities, guided hikes and special appearances by resident critters. Free Julie Huffman (402) 731-3140 www.fontenelleforest.org

June 20

Chadron, Dawes County

Chadron State Park's 88th Anniversary Celebration

S. of town Horseshoe tourney, free paddle boat rides, archery contests, live band, arts in the park and lunch at the Trading Post. Park permit required. (308) 432-6167

June 20

Kearney, Buffalo County

Dancers of the Plains - Pawnee Powwow

Great Platter River Road Archway, directly off I-80 Exit 272 View Native American dancing and drumming, learn about Native American life on the plains from primitive-life exhibitors and vendors, and enjoy American Indian style food and crafts. 10am-4pm, Donation for exhibit area, admission for tours (877) 511-2724 www.archway.org

June 20

Laurel, Cedar County

Ag Davs

City park, 5th & Wakefield Sts Ag Olympics, car show, parade, games and activities, food vendors and street dance. Annette Junck (402) 256-9614 www.laurelne.com

June 20

Nebraska City, Otoe County

Juneteenth Celebration

Mayhew Cabin, 2012 4th Corso Juneteenth is the oldest known holiday that celebrates the end of American slavery. Speakers, music, living history demonstrations and children's activities. 11am-4pm, Free Bill Hayes (402) 873-3115 www.mayhewcabin.org

June 20-21

Guide Rock, Webster County

Pa-Hur Days

City park BBQ and beer garden, sand volleyball tournament, parade and presentation. Kim Ely (402) 257-2615

June 20-21

Newman Grove, Madison County

Norwegian Days

Downtown & high school gym Enjoy a delicious Norwegian meal, parade and more. \$10 meal Becky Dunlap (402) 447-9929 www.ci.newman-grove.ne.us

June 20-21

Omaha, Douglas County

Railroad Days

Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Botanical Center, 100 Bancroft St A celebration of all things train and track. Spend the day visiting some of the area's best railroad-themed attractions. Daily, 9am-5pm, \$10/family Maureen Thomsen (402) 346-4002 www.lauritzengardens.org

June 21

Alliance, Box Butte County

Carhenge Summer Solstice

Carhenge, 2 1/2 mi. N. of town Carhenge celebrates Summer Solstice with an open house and assorted activities. 10am-6pm Darcy Sutton (308) 762-1520 www.carhenge.com June 21-Oct 31

Nebraska City, Otoe County

Artisan Woods

Arbor Day Farm, 2611 Arbor Ave Experience the handiwork of some of the region's top artists, builders, architects and designers with outdoor creations ranging from tree houses to bridges to natural art. (402) 874-9296 www.arbordayfarm.org

June 23

Omaha, Douglas County

Mormon Tabernacle Choir

Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas St Experience 360 heavenly voices and 110 musicians of America's Choir inside Kiewit Concert Hall. 8pm, Tickets start at \$50 (402) 345-0606 www.omahaperformingarts.org

June 23-24

Petersburg, Boone County

Carnival Days

City-wide Something for everyone! (402) 386-5551 www.ci.petersburg.ne.us

June 23-28

Grand Island, Hall County

National 4-H Shooting Competition

HEC/Heartland Shooting Park Air rifle, air pistol, .22 rifle, .22 pistol, skeet, trap, sporting clays, muzzleloading, hunting skills, compound archery and recurve archery. Free (308) 382-4515 www.heartlandeventscenter.com

June 24-28

Plattsmouth, Cass County

Bright Dreams, Hard Times: America in the Thirties - KS/NE Chautauqua

Rhylander Park, 615 Lincoln Ave Step back in time to the 1930s as historical figures - FDR, Huey Long, Will Rogers and more - take stage to share their bright dreams. Dust Bowl Photo Exhibit, workshops, entertainment and more. Wed, Thu, Sat-Sun at 7pm; Fri at 6pm, Free (402) 298-8209 www.knchautauqua.org

June 26

Ainsworth, Brown County

Car Show & Burger Feed

Elks Lodge, Main St Fun night out for the entire family. 5:30-9:30pm, \$10 car entry, \$6 burger feed Calista Keezer (402) 925-8212

June 26

Omaha, Douglas County

Bank of the West Celebrates America at Memorial Park

60th & Underwood Sts Featuring live music from local and national groups as well as a fireworks finale. 6-10pm, Free

June 26-27

Cortland, Gage County

Cortland Fest

City-wide Annual celebration includes a BBQ, tractor show, parade, hildren's activities and fireworks. Susan Young (402) 798-7633 www.cortlandne.com

June 26-27

Sutton, Clay County

Dug Out Days

City-wide Carnival, children's activities, car show, old-fashioned parade and BBQ. Free Amy Skalka (402) 773-4233 www.suttonchamber.org

June 26-28

Brownville, Nemaha County Simply Styne: Karen Akers

Brownville Concert Series 26th & 27th at 7:30pm; 28th at 2pm (402) 825-3331 www.brownvillene.com

June 26-28

Clearwater, Antelope County

Clearwater Chamber of Commerce Rodeo

W. US Hwy 275 Full rodeo including muttin busting for the kids! 7:30pm nightly Renee Snodgrass (402) 485-2400 www.clearwaterne.com

June 26-28

Grand Island, Hall County

Central Nebraska Ethnic Festival

Downtown on 3rd St Celebrate cultural diversity through ethnic foods, entertainment and educational activities. Fri, 5pm-midnight; Sat, 10am-midnight; Sun, noon-5pm, Free Lynnette Marshall (308) 385-5444 www.grand-island.com/ethnic

June 26-28

Hastings, Adams County

Nebraska High School Rodeo Finals

Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 S. Baltimore Ave Tricia Schaffer (308) 534-1244

June 26-28

Meadow Grove, Madison County

Meadow Grove Corn Daze

City-wide A salute to agriculture! Activities include a street dance, children's games, petting zoo, BBQ, garden tractor pull, parade, fireworks, pancake feed and concert. Brent Rystrom (402) 634-2150

June 26-28

Omaha, Douglas County

Summer Arts Festival

Gene Leahy Mall on Farnam St, 10th to 14th Sts Featuring an artists' market, eclectic entertainment, children's fair and ethnic foods. Enjoy music from around the world and shop for fine art and unique handmade creations. Fri-Sat, 11am-8pm; Sun, 11am-5pm, Free Elizabeth Balazs (402) 345-5401 www.summerarts.org

June 26-28

Wolbach, Greeley County

Wolbach Days

City-wide 50th annual rodeo, children's swim meet, carnival and silent auction.

June 26-29

Aurora, Hamilton County

A'ROR'N Days

Downtown Live entertainment, food, children's games, grand parade and more. Free Roger Salmon (402) 694-6521 www.auroranebraska.com

June 27

Exeter, Fillmore County

Fireman's BBQ & Street Dance

Downtown Patt Lentfer (402) 759-4910 www.fillmorecountydevelopment.org

June 27

Grand Island, Hall County

Murder Mystery Performances - Murder in the Roaring 20s!

Woman's Club of Grand Island Fun, mayhem and great food! 7pm reception, 7:30pm dinner and performance, \$25 Paul Warshauer (308) 384-6816 www.murdersrus.com

June 27

Weeping Water, Cass County Limestone Independence Day

City-wide Events include mine tours, donkey polo, fossil find, BBQ, fireworks display, street dance, canoe races, duck races, fishing contest, rock olympics and more. 8am-midnight, Free Kay Gerdes (402) 267-5152 www.weepingwaternebraska.com

June 27-28

Norfolk, Madison County

Mid-America Working Terrier Trial

Ta-Ha-Zouka Park Trials consist of conformation, agility and go to ground racing. 8am-5:30pm, Free Patti Podliska (402) 371-4699 www.midamericaworkingterrier.com

June 27-28

Plainview, Pierce County

Antique Farm Show

Chicago Northwestern Depot Museum, 304 S. Main St Antique farm machinery displays and demonstrations along with historic site tours. Daily, 10am-5pm, Donation Lois Olson (402) 582-4699 www.plywtelco.net/plainview historical society.htm

June 28

Merriman, Cherry County

Sod House Sunday at Bowring Ranch State Historical Park

NE Hwy 61, 1 1/2 mi. N., 2 mi. E. Old-fashioned fun including a sing-a-long, team penning, goat roaping, children's games, wagon rides, tours, food and entertainment. 8am-5pm Diane Burress (308) 684-3428

July

Ashland, Saunders County

Carol Joy Holling Center Quilt Event

27416 Ranch Rd More than 350 handmade quilts on sale. Begins at 9am, Free Casey Fuerst (888) 656-6254 www.nlom.org

July

Chadron, Dawes County

Ride the Ridge

Pine Ridge Ranger District Riders ride their own horses through the scenic Pine Ridge. Free Don Huls (308) 432-3841

July

Imperial, Chase County

Kenosis Effect Christian Event

Chase County Fairgrounds Enjoy concerts, sand volleyball tournaments and inspirational speakers. DuPiere Family www.kenosiseffect.com

July

Kearney, Buffalo County

Nebraska Senior Games

Multiple venues Athletic events for all men and women age 50 and older. Free Mandi Mollring (308) 233-3229 www.nebraskaseniorgames.com

July

Omaha, Douglas County

Cox Classic PGA Golf Tournament

Champions Run, 13800 Eagle Run Dr The only PGA tour stop in Nebraska. (402) 399-1800 www.coxclassic.com

July

Potter, Chevenne County

Potter Melodrama

Community hall Classic melodrama performed by local talent. 6pm (308) 879-4451 www.potterne.com

July 1-3

Butte, Boyd County

Pancake Days

Main St Parade, DC Lynch Carnival, tractor pull, games and free pancakes for all! (402) 775-2534

July 1-31

Grand Island, Hall County

The Hookers and Flat Water Floozies

Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St Area rug makers and quilters show off their wares for the first time in Prairie Winds. Reception July 10, 5:30-8:30pm (308) 381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com

July 1-31

Kearney, Buffalo County

Trails Month

Great Platte River Road Archway, 3060 E. 1st St See exhibits and hear exciting trail re-enactments. Exhibits about the California, Mormon and Oregon Trails. 9am-6pm, Free Ronnie O'Brien (308) 237-1000 www.archway.org

July-Oct

Hastings, Adams County

Farmers Market

Downtown at 3rd & Denver Ave Saturdays, 8amnoon, Free Jennifer Davis (402) 461-8413 www.hastingsdowntown.com

July-Sep

Long Pine, Brown County

Farmers Market

Main St Saturdays, 9am-noon

July-Sep

Loup City, Sherman County

Farmers Market

Courthouse Square Saturdays, 8am-noon, Free (308) 745-1518 www.loupcity.com

July-Sep

Sidney, Cheyenne County

Farmers Market

Courthouse parking lot, 10th & Jackson Sts Saturdays, 8am-11am (308) 249-3779

Mid-July-mid Sep

Bassett, Rock County

Farmers Market

Downtown, Memory Lane Park Saturdays, 8am-11am, Free Debbie Seberger (402) 684-3319 www.bassettnebr.com

July 2-4

Crawford, Dawes County

4th of July and Old West Trail PRCA Rodeo

Rodeo grounds Enjoy 3 nights of professional rodeo contestants competing for prizes. Fireworks display on July 4th. 8pm Jody Bass (308) 665-2600 www.crawfordnebraska.biz

July 2-4

Genoa, Nance County

Pawnee Days

City-wide Demolition derby, parade and family activities. (402) 993-2875 www.megavision.net/genoamuseum

July 3

Arnold, Custer County

Night of Thunder Truck & Tractor Pull

1 mi. E. of town Ceremony 5:30pm, events begin 6pm Ed Walker (308) 520-9120 www.arnoldtractorpull.com

July 3

Chappell, Deuel County

Chappell Fireworks Display & BBQ

Lake Park BBQ at 5:30pm, Fireworks at 9pm www.chappellchamber.com

July 3

Oakland, Burt County

Party in the Park

City park Food, beer garden, children's games, fireworks and entertainment. 3pm-midnight Kiley Johnson (402) 685-5005 www.ci.oakland.ne.us

July 3

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha World-Herald Fireworks Night at Rosenblatt Stadium

1202 Burt Murphy Ave Largest fireworks display west of the Mississippi choreographed to music. 9:30pm www.omaha.com

July 3

Ord, Valley County

VCHS Foundation Golf Tournament

Ord Golf Course Becky Ries (308) 728-3011

July 3

York, York County

Firecracker Frenzy

County fairgrounds York's official Independence Day Celebration features entertainment, children's activities and central Nebraska's largest fireworks display. 6-10pm, Free Todd Kirshenbaum (402) 362-5531 www.yorkchamber.org

July 3-4

Geneva, Fillmore County

Celebrate Patriotism

Downtown Games and inflatables, parade and a spectacular fireworks display. Lori Loontjer (402) 759-1155 www.cityofgeneva.org

July 3-4

Geneva, Fillmore County

Discover Geneva

Patt Lentfer (402) 759-4910 www.fillmorecountydevelopment.org

July 3-4

Gothenburg, Dawson County

Pony Express Rodeo & 4th of July Celebration

Rodeo arena, 27th & Lake Ave Mutton busting, steer wrestling, bronc riding, and calf roping. Fireworks display and BBQ. (308) 537-3505 www.gothenburgdelivers.com

July 3-4

Neligh, Antelope County

Old Mill Days and 4th of July Celebration

Riverside Park & Antelope County Airport Scavenger hunt, street dance, noon parade, greased pig contest, turtle races, pedal tractor contest, duck derby and fireworks. Jason Schindler (402) 626-7222 www.neligh.net

July 3-4

Ralston, Douglas County

49th Annual Independence Day Celebration and

Independence Square, 77th & Main St Picnics and dances on July 3. Enjoy one of the state's largest parades in celebration of the 4th of July, along with a run/walk, food vendors and fireworks display. Free Marlene Hansen (402) 339-7737 www.ralstonareachamber.org

July 3-4

Sutherland, Lincoln County

July 4th Celebration and Rodeo

Rodeo grounds & downtown Enjoy rodeo competitions along with 4th of July activities. Rodeo nightly at 7:30pm. Parade 2pm on July 4. Bob Lantis (308) 386-4345 www.ci.sutherland.ne.us

July 3-5

Central City, Merrick County

Lone Tree Days

City-wide Parade, breakfast, fireworks display and more. Kendra Jefferson (308) 946-3897 www.centralcitychamber.com

July 3-5

Kearney, Buffalo County

4th of July Stampede Weekend at Fort Kearny State Historical Park

1020 V Rd Living history demonstrations and canon firing at 2pm. Park entry permit required Gene Hunt (308) 865-5305

July 3-5

Kimball, Kimball County

4th of July Festival

Downtown Rib cook-off, street fest, street dance and more. (308) 235-3782 www.ci.kimball.ne.us

July 3-5

Lexington, Dawson County

4th of July Blast

Downtown Enjoy a carnival, car show, family BBQ and more. Julie Harris (308) 324-5504 www.visitlexington.org

July 3-5

Lyons, Burt County

Q125 and Bluegrass Festival

Downtown and city park Enjoy music, parade, fireworks, food and contests. Allen Steinmeyer (402) 687-2710 www.cityoflyons.net

July 4

Adams, Gage County

4th of July Celebration

City park Traditional celebration including wet sand volleyball and softball tournaments, pork BBQ and fireworks display. Lisa Gembala (402) 988-2269

July 4

Ainsworth, Brown County

Meadville 4th of July Celebration

N. on NE Hwy 7 from Ainsworth Trail ride, parade, fireworks display, BBQ, softball games and dance. Mike Gering (402) 497-2440

July 4

Alliance, Box Butte County

Lunatics Boat Race & Fireworks Display

Laing Lake and Park, 18th & Box Butte Ave A crazy race that pits the ingenuity of one homemade cardboard boat against another - the object is not to sink. Eccentric entrants welcome. Prizes for the winners! Race at 11am. Fireworks at dusk. (308) 762-3700 www.alliancechamber.com

July 4

Aurora, Hamilton County

Hamilton County 4th of July Celebration

Fairgrounds, 8th & A Sts Annual patriotic celebration featuring the Hamilton County Band, American Legion flag burning and fireworks display. 8-10:30pm, Free Heather Ballas (402) 694-6911 www.auroranebraska.com

July 4

Boys Town, Douglas County 4th of July Fireworks

Near football stadium 8:50pm, Free (402) 498-1141 www.visitboystown.org

luly 4

Brownville, Nemaha County

Freedom Celebration

Main St Parade, patriotic service, live entertainment, trolley rides, fireworks and more. 7am-dusk, Free Bob Chitwood (402) 825-3591 www.brownvillene.com

July 4

Burwell, Garfield County

Fire Department BBQ

Fire Hall, 9th & G Sts BBQ, watermelon feed, games and fire truck rides. (308) 346-5210 www.visitburwell.org

July 4

Dewitt, Saline County

July Celebration

City-wide Car show, children's entertainment, water fights, BBQ, parade, outhouse races, dance and fireworks. Michelle Denton (402) 683-2124

July 4

Dorchester, Saline County

4th of July Celebration

Downtown and city park Family fun including a BBQ and fireworks at dusk. Donation Judith Ottman (402) 946-4821

July 4

Ericson, Wheeler County

Lake Ericson 4th of July Celebration & BBQ

City-wide and Lake Ericson Don't miss out on all the festivities! Free Joe Wadas (308) 750-0426 www.lakeericson.com

July 4

Fairbury, Jefferson County

Pioneer Shrine Club Flea Market

City park More than 300 vendors fill the park with food, crafts, antiques and assorted goods. 7am-5pm, Free Wayne Buehler (402) 729-3221 www.visitoregontrail.org

July 4

Fullerton, Nance County

4th of July Celebration

City park & ball fields Community celebration and fireworks display. DeDe Matthews (308) 536-2088 www.fullerton-ne.com

July 4

Gering, Scotts Bluff County

4th of July Fireworks

Scotts Bluff National Monument View the community fireworks display from the top of the monument. Start hike at 7:30pm, Free (308) 436-9700 www.nps.gov/scbl

July 4

Grand Island, Hall County

1890s Independence Day Celebration

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, 3133 W. US Hwy 34 Enjoy a parade down the center of Railroad Town, a concert by the Silver Cornet Band, a patriotic program, pie eating contest and more all-American family fun. 10am-5pm, \$6-\$8 Matha Paulsen (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

July 4

Grand Island, Hall County

Fireworks Fantastic 2009

Fonner Park Central Nebraska's best and biggest fireworks display. 10pm, Free Mindy Mangus (308) 381-1077 www.ksyz.com

July 4

Hildreth, Franklin County

4th of July Celebration

Commercial Ave & city park Golf, parade, noon meal, BBQ and fireworks. Events begin at 10:30am, Free Melvin Hemje (308) 938-4295

July 4

Lodgepole, Cheyenne County

4th of July Fireworks

Ball fields Enjoy the fireworks and softball game. (308) 483-5353

July 4

Minden, Kearney County

Echoes of Independence

Harold Warp Pioneer Village, 138 E. Hwy 6 Celebrate Independence Day as it was celebrated 100 years ago. Marshall Nelson (308) 832-1811 www.pioneervillage.org

July 4

Nelson, Nuckolls County

Fun Dav

Harbine Park Family friendly activities all day long followed by a fireworks display at dusk. 9am-10pm Max Van Skiver (402) 225-3631

July 4

Norfolk, Madison County

Big Bang Boom

Skyview Lake Park Featuring an inflatable midway, live music, food and northeast Nebraska's largest fireworks display choreographed to music. Donation Don Wesnieski (402) 371-7526 www.bigbangboom.org

July 4

Ogallala, Keith County

4th of July Festival

Western Diamonds Sports Complex Enjoy the biggest fireworks display in western Nebraska. (308) 284-4066

July 4

Ord, Valley County

4th of July Celebration

Downtown & Bussell Park Fireworks, ball games, children's races and more. (308) 728-7875 www.visitvalleycounty.com

July 4

Seward, Seward County

Nebraska's Official 4th of July Celebration

City-wide Award-winning family event featuring a grand parade, car show, food alley, live entertainment, craft show, fireworks and more. Free (402) 643-4189 www.sewardne.org

July 4

Sidney, Cheyenne County

Ice Cream Social

2200 Legion Park Free ice cream, musical entertainment and activities. 5pm, Free Brenda Rusk (308) 249-3779 www.cheyennecountychamber.com

July 4

Superior, Nuckolls County 27th Annual Firecracker Run

City Park, 6th St & Hwy 14 Participate in the 1-mile kids run, 2-mile run, 10K mens and womens races. Awards and prizes. 6:30am registration, \$8-\$10 Elmer & Maxine Rempe (402) 879-4362

July 4

Tekamah, Burt County

4th of July Celebration

Main St Events begin with a 10am parade followed by a BBQ, pony rides, water fights, children's games, ball games, museum displays and fireworks display. Harriet Shafer (402) 374-2020 www.tekamahchamberofcommerce.net

July 4

Wakefield, Dixon County

Old-Fashioned Picnic

Graves Library Museum 11am-1pm (402) 287-2362

July 4

West Point, Cuming County

4th of July Celebration

City-wide Celebrate and discover all that West Point has to offer! Free (402) 372-2981 www.westpointchamber.com

July 4-Aug 22

Beatrice, Gage County

Summer Campfire Series

Homestead National Monument of America, 8523 W. NE Hwy 4 Sit around the campfire and enjoy a different program topic each week. Saturdays at 7:30pm, Free Susan Cook (402) 223-3514 www.nps.gov/home

July 5

Crawford, Dawes County

Antique Tractor Pull

Nebraska Shooters Association, W. of town Competition in 2 weight classes. 1pm Jeff Kennedy (308) 665-1230

July 5

Fullerton, Nance County

Twin River Cruisers Show & Shine Classic Car Show

City park 8am-5pm Ron Delaney (308) 536-2641 www.fullerton-ne.com

July 5

Norfolk, Madison County

Midwest Farmers Toy Show

Northeast Community College, 801 E. Benjamin Ave Buy and sell farm toys, trucks and car parts. 9am-4pm, \$3 Walt Haase (402) 371-6812

July 5-8

Fullerton, Nance County

Nance County Fair

Fairgrounds Carnival rides, rodeo events and 4-H exhibits. Deb Bittner (308) 536-2500 www.fullertonne.com

July 7-8

Ainsworth, Brown County

Middle of Nowhere Carnival Days

City-wide (402) 387-2740 www.ainsworthchamber.com

July 8-12

Fremont, Dodge County

79th Annual Fremont 4-H Fair

Christensen Field, 1730 Christensen Field Rd Enjoy this 9-county 4-H fair that includes a parade on Sunday and youth competitions. Free Bonnie Hassler (402) 721-2641 www.fremontne.org

July 9-11

Diller, Jefferson County

113th Annual Diller Picnic

Downtown Carnival, parade, mud drags, tractor pull and more. Doug Lottman (402) 793-5865 www.diller-ne.com

July 9-12

Gering, Scotts Bluff County

Oregon Trail Days

Downtown & Oregon Trail Park Nebraska's oldest continuous celebration featuring parades, entertainment, chili cook-off, international food fair, regional art shows, craft fairs and more. Free Chuck Cowan (308) 631-9976 www.oregontraildays.com

July 9-Aug 13

Omaha, Douglas County

Jazz on the Green

Joslyn Art Museum, 2200 Dodge St Outdoor jazz concert series featuring local, regional and national musicians. Thursdays, 7-9pm, Free (402) 342-3300 www.ioslyn.org

July 10

Grand Island, Hall County

Moo-Claw

Heartland Events Center Enjoy steak, fresh lobster and live entertainment. (308) 382-2675 www.heartlanduway.com

July 10-11

Arnold, Custer County

16th Annual South Loup River Blues Festival

Old Mill Park This unique blues festival hosts some of the best blues entertainment in the Midwest. Free primitive camping available. Fri show, 8pm; Sat, events begin at noon, Free on Fri. Sat \$25 in advance, \$30 at the gate David J Birnie (800) 584-9336 www.southloupbluesfest.com

July 10-11

Barneston, Gage County

Barneston Davs

City-wide Good old-fashioned fun celebrating small town hospitality. John McMurray (402) 239-6825

July 10-11

Henderson, York County

Community Days

City-wide Fun-filled weekend including a show and shine car show, semi-pro invitational art show, Krazy Kart contests, 5K and 10K races, parade and more. Free Kelsey Bergen (402) 723-4228 www.cityofhenderson.org/cdays.pdf

July 10-12

Bancroft, Cuming County

Q125 Celebration

Main St & city park Car show, antique tractor show, quilt displays, street dance, melodrama, children's games, food vendors, parade and fireworks display. Free Laurie Soll (402) 648-3341 www.bancroftg125.com

July 10-12

Chadron, Dawes County

Fur Trade Davs

City-wide Buckskinner's camp, rodeo, BBQ, contests, flea market, fireworks, art and craft shows and World Championship Buffalo Chip Throwing Contest. (800) 603-2937 www.chadron.com

July 10-12

Dodge, Dodge County

Dodge Daze

City-wide Family entertainment, sporting events, outdoor movie, street dance and more. (402) 693-2415

July 10-12

Fremont, Dodge County

John C. Fremont Days

City-wide Celebration of the town's history with something for everyone including living history encampments, rodeo, car show and continuous entertainment. Most events are free Jeff Hoffman (402) 727-9428 www.johncfremontdays.com

July 10-12

O'Neill, Holt County

Summerfest

City-wide Enjoy the 25th anniversary of Summerfest! Rodeo, car show, fish fry, mud drags, cruise night, entertainment and more. Pat Fritz (402) 336-2355 www.oneillchamber.org

July 10-12

St. Paul, Howard County

Grover Cleveland Alexander Days

City-wide Celebration of one of Major League Baseball's most prolific players and one of Howard County's famous sons. Car show, drag races, children's activities, street dance and more. Loren Studley (308) 750-7238 www.stpaulnebraska.com

July 10-12

Wayne, Wayne County

Wavne Chicken Show

City-wide "Egg"citing activities for all! National Cluck-Off, World's Largest Chicken Dance, children's games, kite flying, fireworks and live entertainment. Free Irene Fletcher (402) 375-2240 www.chickenshow.com

July 11

Cozad. Dawson County

7th Annual Bands, Brews and BBQs

Downtown Street festival including assorted vendors, live bands, talent show, Triple B car show, crafters in the park and children's activities. 4pm-1am, \$5-\$7 (308) 784-3930 www.cozadnebraska.net

July 11

Gresham, York County

Firemen's Picnic

City-wide Annual celebration featuring a parade, horseshoe tournaments, children's game and BBQ. Tara Dey (402) 366-3192

July 11

Kearney, Buffalo County

Family Farm Days

Trails & Rails Museum Historic and modern day farming techniques on display along with hands-on activities. 10am-6pm Jennifer Murrish (308) 234-3041, www.br.hs.us

July 11

Red Cloud, Webster County

Republican River Tank Float

4 mi. W. on US Hwy 136, 1 mi. S. on 800 Rd Stock tank racing along 4 miles of the river. Cash prizes for the first 3 fastest times. Racing begins at 1pm Laura Roybal (402) 746-3238 www.redcloudnebraska.com

July 11

Syracuse, Otoe County

GermanFest

Downtown on 5th St Celebrate German heritage. Craft show, wine tastings, children's activities, music, dancing, beer garden and more. Free Rhae Werner (402) 269-7489 www.syracusene.com

July 11-12

Ayr, Adams County

26th Annual Antique and Collectors Show

Dyer Park, 8 mi. S. of Hastings on US Hwy 281 Featuring John Deere tractors, flea market, concessions, small engines, tractor drive and blacksmithing field demonstrations. Sat, 7am-9pm; Sun, 7am-5p, \$5 Donna Babcock (402) 469-4455 www.pvama.org

July 11-12

Steele City, Jefferson County

Living History Weekend

City-wide Learn about local history and how the pioneers lived. Demonstrations by local crafters and museum tours. Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm www.visitoregontrail.org

July 11-12

Sterling, Johnson County

Sterling Picnic and Street Dance Event

Broadway St Events for all ages including a car show, little tuggers tractor pull, fun run, parade, BBQ and street dance. Viola Lucas (402) 866-4191 www.ci.sterling.ne.us

July 11-15

Albion, Boone County

Boone County Fair - 125 Years of Fun

Fairgrounds Free Dee Schriver (402) 395-9979 www.boonecountyfair.net

July 11-Oct 4

Kearney, Buffalo County

Nebraska Now: Francisco Souto, Printmaking

Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA), 2401 Central Ave Tue-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm, Donations welcome (308) 865-8559 monet.unk.edu/mona

July 12

Brownville, Nemaha County

Jazz Trombonist: Wycliffe Gordon

Brownville Concert Series 2pm (402) 825-3331 www.brownville-ne.com

July 12

Kearney, Buffalo County

Art in the Park

Harmon Park Open-air fine arts festival of the highest quality. Live music, demonstrations and food vendors. 9am-5pm, Free (308) 216-0150

July 12-18

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Meadowlark Music Festival

Various locations in Lincoln and across the state (402) 488-9555 www.meadowlarkmusicfestival.com

July 7-12

Madison, Madison County

Madison County Fair and Rodeo

Fairgrounds Enjoy 3 nights of rodeo, concerts, carnival, exhibits, food and fun for the entire family. Free Linda Haack (402) 454-2144 www.madisoncountvfair.com

July 13-16

Grand Island, Hall County

Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo

Fonner Park Events begin at 7:30am on July 13, Free Kathy Anderson (402) 472-6414 www.animalscience.unl.edu/extension/equine.html

July 14-19

Alliance, Box Butte County

Heritage Days 2009

Rodeo grounds and Box Butte Ave Celebration includes a carnival, vendors, sports tournaments, parade and more. (308) 762-1520 www.alliancechamber.com

July 15-19

Lexington, Dawson County

Dawson County Fair

Fairgrounds, 1000 Plum Creek Pkwy Ruth Jurgens (308) 324-3600 www.dawsoncountyfair.com

July 16-19

Kearney, Buffalo County

Cruise Nite Weekend 2009

City-wide Four days of fun-filled activities including show and shines, BBQs, parade, car stereo competition, grudge drag races, collectible car auction and more. Show and shine at the Archway July 17, 5-8pm. Brad Kernick (308) 440-2941 www.cruisenitekearnev.com

July 17-18

Bellevue, Sarpy County

RiverFest 2009

Haworth Riverfront Park, NE Hwy 370 & Payne Dr Good food, great music and amazing fireworks in a great setting. BBQ competition and live music festival. (402) 898-3000 www.bellevuenebraska.com

July 17-18

Doniphan, Hall County

Pump & Pantry Late Model Nationals

Mid-Nebraska Speedway, 9551 S. Locust St Two days of super late model racing with drivers from across the Midwest. Fri, 7:30pm; Sat, 8pm, \$12-\$15 Doug Stange (308) 381-0088 www.midnebraskaspeedway.com

July 17-18

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Star City Pride 2009

Panic Bar, 18th & N Sts Lincoln's annual GLBT pride event! Cabaret show on July 17, family friendly street festival with live music, food and vendors on July 18th. Fri, 9pm-midnight; Sat, 2pm-midnight, Free Dan Huntley (402) 429-5651 www.gaylincoln.com

July 17-19

Ainsworth, Brown County

Nebraska Sandhills National Day of the Cowboy

Daniel's Event Center & Brown County Fairgrounds in Johnstown Sandhills Cowboy Hall of Fame, parade, equine activites, vendors, singing around the campfire, horse whisperers and children's activities. Rod Palmer (402) 387-2212 www.ainsworthchamber.com

July 17-19

Ashland, Saunders County

Stir Up Days & Ox Bow Trail Wranglers Stampede Rodeo

City-wide Parades, frog jumping contest, pedal tractor pull, farmers market, livestock show and more. Rodeo Fri & Sat at 7pm., Free Bob Luebbe (402) 944-4242 www.historicashland.com

July 17-19

Gretna, Sarpy County

Gretna Days

Downtown Events for all ages including a parade, tractor pull, dance, car show and hog roast. (402) 332-3535 www.gretnachamber.com

July 17-19

Pilger, Stanton County

Pilger Days

City-wide Ball tournaments, tractor pull, quilt show, parade, children's games and other family activities. Roland Jensen (402) 396-3422

July 17-19

Walthill, Thurston County

35th Annual Walthill Memorial Rodeo

Main St Three days of fun including rodeos, dances, parades and activities for all ages. Rodeo 7pm nightly, \$8 adults, \$4 children for rodeo admission www.walthillne.com

July 17-22

Loup City, Sherman County

Sherman County Fair

Fairgrounds, NE Hwy 92 Exhibits, demolition derby, BBQ and more. (308) 745-1518 www.loupcity.com

July 18

Broadwater, Morrill County

Broadwater Davs

City-wide Broadwater celebrates 100 years in 2009! Free Carrie Wiggins (308) 489-5622 www.starrstreetdiner.embargspace.com

July 18

Burwell, Garfield County

Calamus Car Classic

Downtown (308) 346-4409 www.visitburwell.org

July 18

Ravenna, Buffalo County

Mud Drag-Mud Fest

Annevar Park Get down and dirty with the Ravenna Mud Fest: Mud-Sweat and Gears in Ravenna. Crystal Hanrahan (308) 452-4297 www.ci.ravenna.ne.us

July 18

Scribner, Dodge County

Haze Daze

Main St Tour the Musbach Museum from 2:30-5pm, enjoy the hamburger and watermelon feed from 5-8pm, or dance the night away to Mystic Haze from 8pm to midnight. 2:30pm-midnight, Free Deb Eggleston (402) 664-2565 www.scribnernebraska.com

July 18

Western, Saline County

Old Settlers Picnic

City park Classic car show, children's tractor pull, inflatable games, entertainment, street dance and more. 8am-midnight Barbara Schwisow (402) 433-2541

July 18-19

Dwight, Butler County

46th Annual Czech Festival

American Legion & Dwight Assumption Church Polka dancing, car and tractor show, bootleg sales, parade, games for all ages and delicious food. Events begin Sat at 10am, Free John Lavicky (402) 566-2365

July 18-19

Waverly, Lancaster County

Camp Creek Antique Machinery and Threshing Show

17550 Bluff Rd Experience the way life used to be. Steam engines, antique tractors, steam crane, summer kitchen and country store. Demonstrations of corn shelling, buttermaking, plowing and more. Daily, 6am-6pm, \$6 Jeremy Steele (402) 786-3003 www.ccthreshers.org

July 18-23

Minden, Kearney County

Kearney County Fair

Kearney County Fairgrounds, N. NE Hwy 10 Free (308) 832-1811 www.mindenne.org

July 19

Brule, Keith County

Evening in the Park

Barton Park Enjoy an evening of gospel music and family fun in the park Polly Laflan (308) 287-2234

July 19

Kearney, Buffalo County

The Edible Flower Tea

Frank House, University of NE - Kearney Demonstration, recipe book, house and garden tours. 2-3:30pm, \$15 KrisAnn Sullivan (308) 865-8284 www.frankhouse.org

July 19

Scribner, Dodge County

Duck Race & River Rendezvous

Riverfront Park Enjoy the 3rd annual duck race! Refreshments and games for everyone. 1pm, Free Deb Eggleston (402) 664-2565 www.scribnernebraska.com

July 19

York, York County

Model A Road-E-O

Wessels Living History Farm, 1 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 353 Exhibitors will entertain with a variety of competitions. Games, prizes and tours of the 1925 farm house and equipment building. 1-4:30pm, \$3-\$5 Dale Clark (402) 710-0682 www.livinghistoryfarm.org

July 19-24

Valentine, Cherry County

Nebraska Star Party

Snake River Campground - Merritt Reservoir, 27 mi. S.W. of Valentine Six nights of astronomical observing at one of the premier star parties in the country. Events also include a beach party, contests, canoe and tubing trip, and educational activities for kids. Doug Bell (402) 489-8197 www.nebraskastarparty.org

July 19-26

South Sioux City, Dakota County

Dakota Thurston County Fair

Fairgrounds (402) 494-1307 www.visitsouthsiouxcity.com

July 20-25

Burwell, Garfield County

Garfield County Frontier Fair

Rodeo grounds, S. NE Hwys 11 & 19 Homemaking and livestock exhibits, agricultural machinery, commercial vendors and more. Dennis Bonsall (308) 346-5010 www.visitburwell.org

July 21

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo Annual Ice Cream Safari

3701 S. 10th St Enjoy all-you-can-eat ice cream at Dairy World, check out a special polar bear feeding, make milk fun with crafts, enjoy clowns and games plus much more. (402) 738-2038 www.omahazoo.com

July 21-26

Crete, Saline County

Saline County Fair

Tuxedo Park Livestock shows, rodeo, figure 8 racing and more. Free Kathy Tachovsky (402) 433-4138

July 22

Ogallala, Keith County

Western Nebraska Seniors Golf Tournament

West Winds Golf Course Corey Crandell (308) 284-4358

July 22-26

Beatrice, Gage County

Gage County Fair

Fairgrounds, 1115 W. Scott St Livestock judging, crafts, carnival and big-name entertainment. Roxie Richter (402) 223-3247 www.beatricene.com

July 22-26

Hastings, Adams County

Adams County Fair

Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 S. Baltimore Ave Sandy Himmelberg (402) 462-3247 www.adamscountyfairgrounds.com

July 22-26

Pierce. Pierce County

Pierce County Fair

Fairgrounds Bull-a-rama, carnival, tractor pull, demolition derby, 4-H events and more. kathy Lauer (402) 329-6225 www.piercecountyfair.org

July 22-26

Wayne, Wayne County

Wayne County Fair

Fairgrounds, W. on Hwy 35 Louis Lutt (402) 375-3462 www.thewaynecountyfair.com

July 23-25

Burwell, Garfield County

Nebraska's Big Rodeo

Rodeo grounds, Jct of NE Hwys 11 & 91 PRCA rodeo. Candadian chuckwagon racing, wild horse racing, dinnerbell derby, world champion clowns, bucking stock and contestants. Lee Jeffres (308) 346-5010 www.visitburwell.org

July 23-26

Leigh, Colfax County

Colfax County Fair

Fairgrounds Livestock shows, exhibits, live entertainment, tractor pulls, parade and more. Free Penny Janousek (402) 892-3520 www.colfaxcountyfair.com

July 23-26

Thedford, Thomas County

Thomas County Fair & Bull Fest

Fairgrounds Bull fest, BBQ, parade, night golf, games and more. Alice Hodges (308) 645-2646 www.tourthomascountynebraska.com

July 24

Grand Island, Hall County

Cowboy Night: An Evening Around the Campfire

Stuhr Museum, 3133 W. US Hwy 34 Cowboy games like ropin' and watermelon seed spitting, live cowboy music, s'more making, wagon rides, cooking demonstrations and more. 6-9pm, \$4-\$6 Matha Paulsen (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

July 24-25

Bruning, Thayer County

Bruning Days

City-wide Rib bash, co-ed softball, horshoe contests, dinner and dance, 3-on-3 basketball and children's games. Events begin Fri at 6pm, Free Sharon Holtzen

July 24-25

Ogallala, Keith County

17th Annual Murl Morrow 4-Person Scramble

West Wind Golf Course Corey Crandell (308) 284-4358

July 24-25

Omaha, Douglas County

Mutual of Omaha's Wild About Omaha Weekend

Various arts and entertainment venues Special programs, entertainment, refreshments, free transportation between venues and more. www.wildaboutomaha.com

July 24-25

Springview, Keya Paha County

Wind Turbine Days

101 Airport Rd Children's games, fun run/walk, parade, tractor pull, rodeo events, BBQ, vendors, beer garden, art show, car show and more. \$5 Randy Painter (402) 497-2086 www.springviewne.com

July 24-26

Beemer, Cuming County

Play Daze

City-wide Music, children's games, BBQ, Bingo, food vendors and more. Dawn De Turk (402) 528-3232

July 24-26

Tilden, Madison County

Prairie Days Celebration

City-wide Antique vendors, quilt show, live entertainment and more. (402) 368-5910 www.tildenlibrary.org

July 24-26

Utica, Seward County

Heritage Days

City-wide Community celebration with activities for all ages including sports tournaments, children's games, food, street dance and fireworks display. Free Jim Swanson (402) 534-4791

July 24-Aug 3

Sidney, Cheyenne County

Cheyenne County Fair and Rodeo

Fairgrounds, 10955 US Hwy 30 Rodeo, bull riding, exhibits, demo derby, carnival and more. 8am-11pm David Weiderspon (308) 254-2704 www.cheyennecountychamber.com

July 25

Bradshaw, York County

Bradshaw Days

Downtown Children's games, antique fire engine rides, sand volleyball, street dance and more. 9am-midnight, Free Beverly Bornschlegel (402) 736-4634

July 25

Crawford, Dawes County

Peabody Hale Fiddlers Contest

City park Contest centered around fiddle music and includes vocal, piano and other string instruments. Take part in the horseshoe contest, view the quilt displays or just enjoy a day of music. Events begin at 8am, \$2-\$3 Marietta Richardson (308) 665-2175

July 25

Grand Island, Hall County

Sommerfest

Liederkranz, 1st & Walnut Sts Entertainment and German food and beverages. 11:30am, Free Gloria Otradovsky (308) 382-9337 www.giliederkranz.com

July 25

Norfolk, Madison County

15th Annual Literature Festival

Lifelong Learning Center, 801 E. Benjamin Ave Presented by Norfolk Public Library. Featuring nationally-known authors, book reviews, book displays and sales, autograph sessions and more. 9am-4pm, \$7.50 children, \$25 adults Karen Drevo (402) 844-2108 www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/library

July 25

Ogallala, Keith County

20th Annual Kites & Castles

Lake McConaughy, 9 mi. N. on NE Hwy 61 Annual kite flying and sand castle building contest. Food, live music and plenty of family fun. Crystal Lehl (308) 284-0920

July 25

Page, Holt County

Community Day

City park Small town celebration including Bingo, watermelon feed, children's activities, BBQ and road rally. Diane Heiss (402) 338-5995

July 25

Pierce, Pierce County

Grapevine Concert Series

Cuthills Vineyards, 54663 853 Rd Bring a picnic and enjoy the concert and wine tastings. (402) 329-6774 www.cuthills.com

July 25

Wausa, Knox County

Annual BBQ Celebration

Gladstone Park Enjoy a pork chop BBQ with all the trimmings, live entertainment and silent auction. 5pm-12:30am Darren Vanness (402) 586-2682

July 25-26

Fairmont, Fillmore County

Old Settler's Picnic

City-wide Helicopter fly in, parade, flea market, BBQ, lawn mower races, children's games and more. (402) 759-4910

www.ci.fairmont.ne.us/attractions.asp

July 25-26

Sidney, Cheyenne County

Cabela's Sidewalk Celebration

One Angler Ln Dance with live bands, food and assorted vendors, games and activities for all ages, pole climbing contests and more. Begins at 8am, Free Connie Carrillo (308) 255-8844 www.cabelas.com

July 25-30

Holdrege, Phelps County

Phelps County Fair

Fairgrounds, 1308 2nd St Bullriding, mutton busting, demolition derby, carnival and more. Free Jeff Carlson (308) 995-4724 www.holdrege.org

July 26

Louisville, Cass County

Last Hot Sunday in July

Main St Festival featuring music, food and a show and shine car and truck show. Noon-4pm, Free Nancy McManis (402) 234-3715 www.louisvillenebraska.com

July 26

Shelton, Buffalo County

Lincoln Highway Festival

Jct of US Hwy 30 & C St Classic car show, antique tractors, music, food, pinewood derby, kid's tractor pull, photo contest and craft show. 8am-4pm, Free Beverly Thomas (308) 647-6617

July 28-Aug 2

Neligh, Antelope County

Antelope County Fair

Fairgrounds Paintball tournaments, ranch rodeo, 4-H and FFA events, Bull-a-Rama, ATV mud drag, demolition derby and more. (402) 887-5252 www.antelopecofair.com

July 29-Aug 2

Springfield, Sarpy County

Sarpy County Fair

100 Main St Tractor and pickup pulls, Mid-States Rodeo, demolition derby, entertainment and more. Free Rich Jansen (402) 253-2453 www.sarpvfair.com

July 29-Aug 3

North Platte, Lincoln County

Lincoln County Fair

Fairgrounds, 5015 W. US Hwy 30 A showcase of Lincoln County along with accomplishments in agriculture, 4-H and youth activities. Katie Hawks (308) 534-8191 www.lincoln-county-fair.com

July 30-Aug 2

Aurora, Hamilton County

Hamilton County Fair

Fairgrounds, 8th & A Sts Vendors, exhibitors, midway, bull riding, figure 8 racing and tractor pull. Free Keith Wasem (402) 694-3247 www.hamiltoncountyfair.org

July 30-Aug 2

Ponca, Dixon County

Nifty 50s Celebration

Downtown BBQ, concert, mud run, car show, children's activities, frog and toad jumping contest, talent show, street dance and more. www.visitoonca.com

July 30-Aug 2

Scribner, Dodge County

Dodge County Fair

Fairgrounds Free Deb Eggleston (402) 664-2565 www.scribnernebraska.com

July 31-Aug 2

Atkinson, Holt County

Hay Days

City-wide Children's theater, games in the park, vendors, exhibits, antiques and crafts, tractor show, dance and more. Cindy Poessnecker (402) 925-2037 www.atkinsonne.com

July 31-Aug 2

Brady, Lincoln County

Brady Days

City-wide Since the 1960s this event has grown to include free family events, turtle races, contests, BBQ, street dance and more . Free (308) 584-3316 www.villageofbrady.com

July 31-Aug 2

Comstock, Custer County

Comstock Music Series

2 mi. E. of Comstock on Comstock-Ord Rd Threeday pasture party. Beer tent, live bands, vendors, free parking and free primitive camping. \$20/day or \$50 for 3 days pass Jim & Pat Proskocil (866) 939-7798 comstockmusic.net

July 31-Aug 2

Ogallala, Keith County

Cowboy Capital Open

West Winds Golf Course Corey Crandell (308) 284-4358

July 31-Aug 2

Wilber, Saline County

Wilber Czech Festival

City-wide Czech dancing and music, authentic food and costumes, 50 bands, 3 parades and contests. Home of the Miss Czech-Slovak USA Pageant. Daily, 9am-midnight, Free Charlie Keller (402) 821-2749 www.ci.wilber.ne.us

July 31-Aug 7

Chadron, Dawes County

Dawes County Fair

Fairgrounds 4-H exhibits, tractor pulls, children's rodeo and more. Free (308) 432-3373 www.chadron.com

Aug

Hay Springs, Sheridan County

Friendly Festival

City-wide Parade, street dance, picnic, crafts, quilt displays, car show and tractor pull. Lesa Parker (308) 638-7275

Aug

Homer, Dakota County

O'Connor House Museum Summer Tour

2 mi. E. of the Pronto Station Featuring the Victorian mansion with 15 rooms, 1857 Combs schoolhouse and vintage machine building. 2-4pm, Donation Annette Leu (402) 494-1015 www.dakotacountyhistoricalsociety.com

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Imperial, Chase County

Chase County Fair and Expo

Fairgrounds, 560 Park St Western Nebraska's largest fair with events including live concerts by top country artists, carnival, demolition derby, exibits and more. (308) 882-5260 www.chasecountyfair.com

Aug

Nebraska City, Otoe County

Otoe County Fair

Fairgrounds (402) 873-6654 www.nebraskacity.com

Aug

Omaha, Douglas County

La Festa Italiana

Roncalli High School, 6401 Sorensen Pkwy Food, fun and music celebrating Italian culture. www.omahaitaly.com

Aug

Omaha, Douglas County

Greek Festival

Lewis & Clark Landing, 515 N. Riverfront Dr Authentic Greek food and entertainment. (402) 345-7103 www.greekfestomaha.com

Aug

Seward, Seward County

Seward County Fair

Fairgrounds Exhibits, entertainment, carnival and more. Free (402) 643-4189 www.sewardcountyfair.com

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Shelton, Buffalo County

Youth Chautauqua Birthday Party for Ms. Fannie

TBA Justine Bauer will portray Fannie Graves, whose birthdate was in August 1885. Free Jennifer Murrish (308) 234-3041 www.bchs.us

Aug 1

Brule, Keith County

Brule Day

Barton Park Prairie breakfast, penny scramble, children's activities, flower show, dance and more. Ray Burkland (308) 287-2350

Aug 1

Burwell, Garfield County Calamus Carp Tournament

Calamus Reservoir, 7 mi. N.W. on NE Hwy 96 Rod and reel and archery divisions. Dick Watts (308) 346-5695 www.visitburwell.org

Aua 1

Cambridge, Furnas County

Concerts on the Creek

72184 Cross Creek Rd Enjoy a delicious meal and performances by Nebraska's most celebrated chamber group with breath taking views of the Republican River valley. 5:30-9:30pm, \$25 Becky van de Bogart (402) 429-8227 www.tccp.us

Aug 1

Grand Island, Hall County

Grand Car Show

316 W. 3rd St 5pm, Free Craig Hand (308) 381-1225

Aug 1

Grand Island, Hall County Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival

100 to 300 blk of W. Third St Competition for children and adults. Free family fun area and awards for category winners. 9am-3pm, Free Sharon Mankin (308) 382-9210 www.downtowngi.com

Aug 1

Kearney, Buffalo County

Musical Talent Contest & Fiddle Contest

Trails & Rails Museum, 710 W. 11th St Enter your musical talent and perform at the Trails & Rails Museum. Jennifer Murrish (308) 234-3041 www.bchs.us

Aug 1

Minatare, Scotts Bluff County

Tabor Days

City-wide Parade, car bash, vendors, children's games, beer garden, live music, car show and more. 8am-midnight Jimi Hufford (308) 783-4134

Aug 1

Nebraska City, Otoe County

Wine Under the Pines

Arbor Day Farm, 2711 Arbor Ave and Kimmel Orchard, 5995 G Rd A celebration of wine, craft beer, BBQ and music from southeast Nebraska. Grape stomp, live music, cooking demonstrations and more. Beverly Todd Nolte (402) 874-9296 www.wineunderthepines.org

Aug 1

Trenton, Hitchcock County

Harvest Festival

City-wide Parade, free BBQ, dance, children's activities and more. 10am-midnight, Free Linda Cook (308) 334-5316 www.trentonne.com

Aug 1-2

Springfield, Sarpy County

Summer Arts Festival

Weiss Studios & Gardens, 13603 Pflug Rd Talented regional artists display their work and demonstrate their skills. Don't miss the live music and great art. Carl Weiss (402) 680-0642 www.carlweissart.com

Aug 1-29

Kearney, Buffalo County

New Harmonies - Smithsonian Touring Exhibit

Trails & Rails Museum, 710 W. 11th St Exhibition that celebrates the cultural process that has made America the birthplace of great music. (308) 234-3041 www.nebraskahumanities.org

Aug 1-30

Grand Island, Hall County

Art BIG and small

Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St Unique art show joining adult artists with children to provide fun adventures for all ages. Artist reception Aug 7, 5:30pm, Free (308) 381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com

Aug 1-31

Kearney, Buffalo County

Pioneer Spirit Month

The Great Platte River Road Archway Only the strong arrived, they were the pioneers. Celebrate the pioneer spirit with re-enactments and exhibits of pioneer history. 9am-6pm, Admission Ronnie O'Brien (308) 237-1000 www.archway.org

Aug 1-6

Broken Bow, Custer County

Custer County Fair

Custer County Fairgrounds Exhibits, entertainment and more. (308) 872-5691 www.brokenbow-ne.com

Aug 1-8

Lewellen, Garden County

Iron Horse Biker Bash

A great stop for Sturgis-bound bikers and all travelers. Relax, camp, shower, grab a bite to eat or just enjoy the live entertainment. Darrel Morrow (308) 778-5879 www.ironhorsebikerbash.com

Aug 1-9

Hemingford, Box Butte County

Box Butte County Fair

Fairgrounds Phyllis Jesse (308) 487-5223 www.bbc.net/bbcfair/

Aug 1-Oct 31

Bellevue, Sarpy County

DinoQues

Fontenelle Nature Association, 1111 Bellevue Blvd N. Get ready for prehistoric forest adventure! Dinosaurs await you around every corner of the 1-mile boardwalk. Daily, 8am-5pm, \$5-\$7 Julie Huffman (402) 731-3140 www.fontenelleforest.org

Aug 2

Bancroft, Cuming County

44th Annual Neihardt Day Celebration

Neihardt State Historic Site, 306 W. Elm St Outdoor celebration of the life and work of Nebraska's Poet Laureate. Historical re-enactors, poetry, Native American arts, music and food. 11am-4pm, Free Nancy Gillis (402) 648-3388 www.neihardtcenter.org

Aug 2

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Community Arts Afternoon

Lux Center for the Arts, 2601 N. 48th St A free afternoon of fun, creativity and music. Hands-on art projects, art demonstrations, live music and prize drawings. 1-4pm, Free Jenni Brant (402) 466-8692 www.luxcenter.org

Aug 2

Scribner, Dodge County

Lone Tree Run

Dodge County Fairgrounds Enjoy a 5-mile run, 2-mile walk/run, or the 10 and under kids' race. Events begin at 7:30am, \$10-\$15 Deb Eggleston (402) 664-2565 www.scribnernebraska.com

Aug 2-

Central City, Merrick County

Merrick County Fair

Fairgrounds, 1745 Fairgrounds Rd Enjoy a demolition derby, junior rodeo, 4-H exhibits and more. Russ Kucera (308) 946-3769 www.centralcitychamber.com

Aug 4-8

Weeping Water, Cass County

Cass County Fair

Fairgrounds, 144th St & NE Hwy 1 Celebration of 4-H and accomplishments. Free Steve Wehrbein (402) 504-2678 www.casscountyfair.org

Aug 5-10

Kimball, Kimball County

Kimball-Banner County Fair

Fairgrounds, 6th & High School Sts Exhibits, rodeo, family activities and more. Elsie Vogel (308) 235-3122 www.ci.kimball.ne.us

Aug 5-10

Ogallala, Keith County

Keith County Fair

Fairgrounds Entertainment, exhibits, carnival, parade and more. Tim Ryan (308) 726-1203 www.keithcountyfair.com

Aug 5-9

Bassett, Rock County

Rock County Fair

Fairgrounds, W. US Hwy 20 Parade, exhibits, rodeo, BBQ, antique tractor pull and more. (402) 684-3319 www.co.rock.ne.us

Aug 5-9

Grand Island, Hall County

Hall County Fair

Fonner Park, 700 E. Stolley Park Rd Concerts, rides, 4-H events and more. Live entertainment featuring Gary Allan, Kenny Loggins, Saving Abel and Hurt. Corby Flagle (308) 379-1653 www.hallcountyfair.com

Aug 5-9

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Lancaster County Fair

Lancaster Event Center, 84th & Havelock Ave Entertainment, livestock, strolling acts and a huge carnival for all ages. Free Ron Snover (402) 441-6545 www.lancastereventcenter.com

Aug 6-8

Arnold, Custer County

Sandhills Open Road Challenge

Roadways between Arnold and Callaway Open road racing with a 1-mile and 1/2-mile shootout, drag race, burn-out contest, parade and car show. \$5 for drags, all other events free Becky Dailey (308) 848-2522 www.sorcrace.com

Aug 6-8

Chappell, Deuel County

Deuel County Fair

Fairgrounds Grandstand events, kids tractor pull, livestock shows and more. (308) 874-3371 www.chappellchamber.com

Aug 6-8

Dewitt, Saline County

Annual Gospel Sing

Community Center Groups from across the United States are featured. Donation Garry McIntosh (402) 683-3635

Aug 6-9

Columbus, Platte County

Calico Quilt Club Show

Columbus Art Gallery, 2504 14th St Thu, 10am-8:30pm; Fri-Sat, 10am-4:30pm; Sun, noon-4pm, \$3 Karen Melcher (402) 564-1646

Aug 6-9

Lewellen, Garden County

Garden County Fair and Rodeo

Fairgrounds Wild burro buck-out, bull riding, barrel racing and everything that goes along with it! Karen McCormick (308) 778-5538

Aug 6-9

York, York County

York County Fair

Fairgrounds Exhibits, carnival, grandstand shows, figure 8 races, demolition derby and more. (402) 362-5508 www.yorkcountyfair.com

Aug 7-11

Oakland, Burt County

Burt County Fair

Fairgrounds, 505 W. Fulton St Norman Johnson (402) 685-5540

Aug 7-8

Falls City, Richardson County

Tractor Pull and Demolition Derby

Saddle Club Arena Enjoy a tractor and truck pull on Fri at 6:30pm and a demolition derby on Sat at 6pm. (402) 245-5879

Aug 7-8

Norfolk, Madison County

Hot Summer Nites Rod Run

Airport Live music, food vendors, car vendors, RCMX racing, bikini contest, burnout contest, cruise nite and more. Lora Young (402) 371-2932 www.norfolkhotsummernites.com

Aug 7-9

Bellwood, Butler County

Bellwood Daze

Main St Burger bash, Polka band, car show, street dance, games, crafts and more. Louis Oborny (402) 538-4505 www.bellwoodnebraska.com

Aug 7-9

Brownville, Nemaha County

Stardust & Swing: Todd Murray

Brownville Concert Series 7th & 8th at 7:30pm; 9th at 2pm (402) 825-3331 www.brownville-ne.com

Aug 7-9

Red Cloud, Webster County

Street Car Days

City-wide Soap box derby, fishing derby, food vendors, BINGO, BBQ, beer garden, diving for ducks, free entertainment and more. Fri, 6-10pm; Sat, 8am-1am; Sun, 7am-3pm Laura Roybal (402) 746-3238 www.redcloudnebraska.com

Aug 7-9

Wayne, Wayne County

Wayne, America - Q125 Festival

City-wide Fun-filled weekend of games, old-time fashion show, BBQ, parade, art festival, vendors and carnival. Anthony Kochenash (402) 375-4332 www.waedi.org

Aua 8

Grafton, Fillmore County

Firemen's BBQ Event

City-wide Patt Lentfer (402) 759-4910 www.fillmorecountydevelopment.org

Aug 8

Indianola, Red Willow County

Old Settlers Celebration

City-wide Family celebration including a parade, road race, paintball tournament, kiddie carnival, frog jumping contest and more. Ann Teel (308) 364-9281

Aua 8-9

Grand Island, Hall County

1890s Agricultural Fair

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, 3133 W. US Hwy 34 Railroad Town's biggest cultural event features midway games, a fortune teller, horse rides and authentic examples of food and craft exhibits from the 1890s. Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, noon-5pm, \$6-\$8 Martha Paulsen (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

Aug 8-9

Omaha, Douglas County

Art in Bloom Festival

Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Botanical Center, 100 Bancroft St Unique, botanically influenced art show includes displays, demonstrations, live music, dance, tours and children's activities. Daily, 9am-5pm, \$3-\$7 Maureen Thomsen (402) 346-4002 www.lauritzengardens.org

Aug 9

Sterling, Johnson County

27th Annual Deer Creek Sodbusters Antique Machinery Show

72927 610 Ave, 4 1/2 mi. S. of Sterling Featuring threshing, corn shelling, field harvest demonstrations, plowing, draft horses, steam and gas engines, antique tractor displays, flea market and more. Events begin at 8am., \$5 Robert Wolff (402) 866-2122 www.deercreeksodbusters.org

Aug 12-16

Ord, Valley County

Valley County Fair

Fairgrounds on Hwy 11 Ranch rodeo, free BBQ, chainsaw carvings, exhibits and musical entertainment. (308) 728-5071 www.visitvalleycounty.com

Aug 13

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo Critter Ride

3701 S. 10th St (402) 738-2047 www.omahazoo.com

Aug 13-16

Bloomfield, Knox County

Knox County Fair

Fairgrounds, 612 1/2 E. Main St Featuring big names in music, agricultural displays, carnival and more. Jerry Nipp (402) 373-4615 www.knoxcountyfairgrounds.com

Aug 13-16

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Capital City Ribfest

Pershing Center, 226 Centennial Mall S. Street festival featuring America's best BBQ from vendors across the country and a variety of live music. Thu-Sat, 11am-midnight; Sun, 11am-3pm, \$3 adults, ages 11 and under free Derek Andersen (402) 441-8744 www.pershingcenter.com

Aua 13-16

West Point, Cuming County

Cuming County Fair

Fairgrounds (402) 372-2981 www.cumingcountyfair.com

Aug 14-15

Omaha, Douglas County

Nebraska Balloon and Wine Festival

Elk Ridge Village on the Lake, 192nd just north of Dodge Enjoy award winning wine, live music and a hot air balloon launch. (402) 346-8003 www.showofficeonline.com

Aug 14-15

Wisner, Cuming County

Thunder by the River Truck and Tractor Pull

Wisner River Park More than \$87,000 in prize money available. Fri, 7pm; Sat, 1 & 6pm, \$22 Peggy Liermann (402) 529-3338 www.thunderbytheriver.com

Aug 14-16

Benedict, York County

Benedict Days

Main St and village park Community festival with events for all ages including antique tractor displays, sports tournaments, beer garden, street dance and children's games. Kelly Brooke (402) 732-6801

Aug 14-16

Hastings, Adams County

Kool-Aid Davs

City-wide World's largest Kool-Aid stand, live entertainment with nationally-known performers, giant inflatables, cardboard boat races, classic car rally, disc golf, fireworks display and more. Fri, 4-9pm; Sat, 8am-10:30pm; Sun, 10am-6pm, Most events are free admission Randal Kottwitz (800) 967-2189 www.kool-aiddays.com

Aug 14-16

Niobrara, Knox County

Northern Ponca Powwow

Powwow grounds community building, 88915 521 Ave A gathering to learn about the American Indian culture. Fri, 7pm; Sat, 1 & 7pm; Sun, 1pm, Free Gary Robinette (402) 857-3519 www.poncatribene.org

Aug 15

Adams, Gage County

Community Days

City-wide Horseshoe tournament, wet sand volleyball, children's games, fun run, BINGO, little tuggers tractor pull and BBQ. 10am-7pm Lisa Gembala (402) 988-2269

Aug 15

Brownville, Nemaha County

BHS: Brownville Golf Classic

Rock Port Country Club 4-Person, Best-Ball Scramble. Proceeds to Railroad History Center. (402) 825-3591 www.brownville-ne.com

Aug 15

Ericson, Wheeler County

1st Annual Carp Tournament

Lake Ericson Rod and reel and archery divisions. 8am-4pm, \$20/person Fred Gerber (402) 301-6059

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Hastings, Adams County Kool-Aid Classic Bicycle Tour

Highland Park, 14th & Burlington Sts Tour the paved country roads surrounding the birthplace of Kool-Aid. Choose a 30 or 60-mile route with Kool-Aid refreshments along the way. 8am, \$20 Bruce

Aua 15

Kearney, Buffalo County

Sandahl (402) 463-1138

5th Annual Genealogy Open House

Trails & Rails Museum, 710 W. 11th St Presentations by the Fort Kearny Genealogical Society along with displays and research assistance. 10am-3pm Jennifer Murrish (308) 234-3041

Aua 15

Maxwell, Lincoln County

Heritage Day

City-wide Fun events including a parade, feed team race, draft horse pull and obstacle course. Free (308) 582-4324

Aug 15

Oak, Nuckolls County

Oregon Trail Day

City-wide Oregon Trail re-enactments of the 1864 Native American raids, antique tractors, BBQ, evening dance, beer garden and pleasure cruisers. Electrical campsites available. 1st hourly tour begins at 12:30pm, Tours: \$5/adult, \$1/child (402) 225-3237

Aug 15

Pierce, Pierce County

Grapevine Concert Series

Cuthills Vineyards, 54663 853 Rd Bring a picnic and enjoy the concert and wine tastings. Holly Swanson (402) 329-6774 www.cuthills.com

Aug 15-16

Bridgeport, Morrill County

83rd Annual Greek Festival

Prairie Winds Community Center Authentic Greek foods, dancing and music and other activities. Sat, 5:30-10:30pm; Sun, noon-3pm, Free Steve Plummer (308) 262-0281

Aug 16

Grand Island, Hall County

Sunday Afternoon with Tom and Huck

Stuhr Museum, 3133 W. US Hwy 34 Spend an afternoon fishing in the pond the overstocked pond, play games like watermelon seed spitting, or enjoy a homemade wooden boat race. Noon-5pm, \$6-\$8 Martha Paulsen (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

Aug 16

Grand Island, Hall County

26th Annual Vintage and Classic Wheels Car Show

Stolley Park 9am-4pm, Free Bill Taylor (308) 384-7106

Aug 16

Omaha, Douglas County

19th Annual Corporate Cycling Challenge

Heartland of America Park, 8th & Farnam Sts Nebraska's largest 1-day cycling event! Including 3 tours: 10, 25 and 42 miles long. (402) 346-8003 www.corporatecycling.com

Aug 20-23

Stanton, Stanton County

Stanton County Fair

Fairgrounds Demolition derby, concerts, tractor pull and other fair events. Nancy Morfeld (402) 439-2003 www.stantoncountyfair.com

Aug 21-23

Bayard, Morrill County

Oregon Trail Wagon Train Bluegrass Festival

Oregon Trail Wagon Train Enjoy music from 7 different Bluegrass bands. Fri, 4-10pm; Sat, 10am-10pm; Sun, 9:30am-4pm, \$12 daily, \$30 three-day pass Rick Bayne (308) 586-1850 www.oregontrailwagontrain.com

Aug 21-23

Bellevue, Sarpy County

Arrows to Aerospace

Washington Park & Kiwanis Club of Offutt Carnival, parade, art in the park, children's activities, music and food. Free Terry Azeltine (402) 292-6334 www.bokiwanis.org

Aug 21-23

Columbus, Platte County

Columbus Davs

City-wide Ribfest, parade, car show, stage entertainment, antique tractor show and activities for the entire family. Free Sandi Fischer (402) 564-2769 www.thecolumbuspage.com

Aug 21-23

Minden, Kearney County

Antique Airplane Association Fly-In

Pioneer Village & Pioneer Village Field Historic and not-so-historic airplanes, displays, pancake breakfast, demonstration flights and more. Dawndusk, Free Marshall Nelson (308) 832-1181 www.pioneervillage.org

Aug 22

Cozad, Dawson County

Quilts Around the Block

City-wide Featuring Angela McLean, quilter and musician. Quilt show, walking tours of quilts, program of Music Inspired by Quilts of German Heritage, wine reception, and program of Art Inspires Quilts. Free (308) 784-2010 www.cozadnebraska.com

Aug 22

Springfield, Sarpy County

Swine on the Vine at Soaring Wings Vineyard

17111 S. 138th St Enjoy an old-fashioned pig roast! \$25 (402) 253-2479 www.soaringwingswine.com

Aug 22-23

Petersburg, Boone County

Nebraska State Antique Tractor and Horse Plowing Bee

2 mi. N.W. of town Featuring all makes of farm equipment, flea market, parade, music and barn dance. 9am-4pm, \$5 Larry Petsche (402) 386-5334 www.raevalley.org

Aug 25-Oct 4

Plattsmouth, Cass County

Kass Kounty King Korn Karnival Photographs and Memorabilia

Cass County Museum, 646 Main St Tue-Sun, noon-4pm;, \$2.50 Margo Prentiss (402) 296-4770 nebraskamuseums.org/casscountymuseum.htm

Aug 27-30

Falls City, Richardson County

Cobblestone Festival

1705 Stone St Fun for the entire family including a carnival, flea market, parade, entertainment, art show, crafts, pedal tractor pull, battle of the bands and more. Free Donna Landis (402) 245-4228 www.fallscityonline.com

Aug 28-30

North Loup, Valley County

Popcorn Days

Main St All the free popcorn you can eat! Carnival, watermelon feed, talent show, parades, children's games, Polka dance, flea market, craft show and live entertainment. Free (308) 496-3423 www.visitvalleycounty.com

Aug 28-Sep 7

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Nebraska State Fair

State Fair Park, 1800 State Fair Park Dr Come celebrate Nebraska's talent and enjoy hundreds of attractions including entertainers, exhibits, midway rides and food at the Nebraska State Fair August 28-September 7. (402) 474-5371 www.statefair.org

Aug 29

Hershey, Lincoln County

Fall Festival

City-wide Antique tractor pull, parade, water fight, street dance, BBQ and more. Free Ken Niedan (308) 368-5555

Aug 29-30

Bellevue, Sarpy County

Defenders of Freedom Air Show and Open House

Offutt Airforce Base Featuring aerial acrobatics and many military displays. 9am-5pm, Free (402) 294-3663 www.offuttairshow.com

Aug 29-30

Lexington, Dawson County

Labor Day Extravaganza

Dawson County Fairgrounds, 1000 Plum Creek Pkwy More than 180 vendors selling antiques, crafts and flea market items. Sat-Sun, 9am-6pm; Mon, 9am-5pm, \$3 Julie Harris (308) 324-5504 www.visitlexington.org

Aug 29-30

Omaha, Douglas County

National Token & Medal Show

72nd & Grover Sts (I-80) Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 8:30am-2pm, Free Chuck Berger (402) 571-5758

Aug 29-Sep 1

Crawford, Dawes County

Northwest Nebraska Rock Swap

City park Buy, sell or swap rocks, minerals or fossils. Helen Cozzini (308) 665-1251

Aug 30

Grand Island, Hall County

13th Annual Accordion Jamboree

TBA TBA (308) 380-0609

www.accordionjamboree.com

Sep

Homer, Dakota County

O'Connor House Museum Summer Social

2 mi. E. of the Pronto Station Featuring the Victorian mansion with 15 rooms, 1857 Combs schoolhouse and vintage machine building. 5-8pm, \$12 Annette Leu (402) 494-1015

www.dakotacountyhistoricalsociety.com

Sep

Milligan, Fillmore County

3rd Annual RibFest

Centennial Garden, 6th & L Sts Enjoy delicious ribs and live music. 5-9pm, \$3 Scott Oliva (402) 629-4446 www.milliganne.org

Sep

Mullen, Hooker County

Sandhills Sharptail Shootout

Mullen Commercial Club Competitive one box grouse hunt with 5 member teams. Trap shoot Fri, hunt on Sat. Held 2nd weekend of grouse season. (308) 546-0455 www.sharptailshootout.com

Sen

Omaha, Douglas County

28th Annual American Lung Association Corporate Cup

1804 Capitol Ave One of Omaha's top sporting events! 10K run, 2-mile run/walk. 8am Kevin Bonney (402) 572-3030 www.omahacorporatecup.org

Sen

Weeping Water, Cass County

Fall Festival

City-wide Craft and quilt show, car show, pickin in the park music festival and BBQ. 8am-11pm Kay Gerdes (402) 267-5152 www.weepingwaternebraska.com

Sep 1-30

Grand Island, Hall County

Visions Unrestricted

Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St Abstract colorists Libby Henry and Amy Petrick present their newest visions in acrylic and mixed media. Reception Sep 4, 5:30-8:30pm (308) 381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com

Sep 1-30

Kearney, Buffalo County

Lincoln Highway Month

The Great Platte River Road Archway, 3060 E. 1st St Here live re-enactments and see an exhibit of Lincoln Highway memorabilia. 9am-4pm Ronnie O'Brien (308) 237-1000 www.archway.org

Sep 1-Oct 16

Chadron, Dawes County

Driven presented by VSA Arts and Volkswagen of America. Inc.

Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, Chadron State College Showcasing the work of 15 finalists of young artists with disabilities, ages 16-25 living in the United States. Mon-Fri, 8am-noon & 1-4pm; Sat, 9am-noon & 1-4pm, Free Sarah Polak (308) 432-6401 www.csc.edu/sandoz

Sep-Nov

Nebraska City, Otoe County

Fabulously Fall in Nebraska City - Fall Foliage

Surrounding areas (402) 873-6654 www.nebraskacity.com

Sep 3-6, 10-13

Giltner, Hamilton County

Country Crafts and Friends

307 W. 5 Rd More than 30 vendors with handmade crafts in a store-like setting. Thu-Fri, 6-9pm; Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm, Free Cindy Consbruck (402) 849-2977

Sep 3-7

Omaha, Douglas County

Septemberfest - Salute to Labor

Qwest Center, 455 N. 10th St Gigantic midway, entertainment, kiddie kingdom, fireworks, car shows, concerts and more. Thu-Fri, 5-11pm; Sat-Mon, noon-midnight, \$2 Linda Morin (402) 346-4800 www.septemberfestomaha.com

Sep 3-Oct 11

Valentine, Cherry County

New Harmonies - Smithsonian Touring Exhibit

Cherry County Historical Society, US Hwy 20 & Main St Exhibition that celebrates the cultural process that has made America the birthplace of great music. (403) 376-2015 www.nebraskahumanities.org

Sep 3-Oct 31

Boys Town, Douglas County

City of Little Men

The Village of Boys Town An exhibit focusing on the "city of little men" Father Flanagan began 90 years ago. The city remains America's largest residential chilcare home. Daily, 9am-5pm, Free (402) 498-1141 www.visitboystown.org

Sep 4-26

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Bound Together

Lux Center for the Arts, 2601 N. 48th St View baskets produced using both contemporary and established media. Tue-Fri, 11am-5pm; Sat, 10am-5pm, Free Stepanie Leach (402) 466-8692 www.luxcenter.org

Sep 4-6

Hastings, Adams County

Oregon Trail Rodeo

Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 S. Baltimore Ave PRCA rodeo. 7pm Sandy Himmelberg (402) 462-3247 www.adamscountyfairgrounds.com

Sep 4-6

Potter, Cheyenne County

Potter Days

Downtown Parade, BBQ, crafts, dance, music and sports competitions. Free Dale Aurich (308) 879-4394 www.potterne.com

Sep 5

Aurora, Hamilton County

FAMFest Arts & Music Festival

Downtown This festival showcases the talents of artists and musicians from around the United States. Art tent, art show and various performances. Free Wenda Eckerson (402) 694-3214 www.famfestaurora.org

Sep 5

Burwell, Garfield County

Old Timers Rodeo

Garfield County Fairgrounds, NE Hyws 96 & 11 Cowboys and cowgirls 40 years old or over can compete in six rodeo events. Get your boots on! Patty Cox (308) 346-5210 www.visitburwell.org Sep 5

Ogallala, Keith County

5th Annual Shoot and Swing Tournament

West Winds Golf Course Participants go trap shooting and golfing. Corey Crandell (308) 284-4358

Sep 5

Shubert, Richardson County

Fireworks Display at Indian Cave State Park

Indian Cave State Park 9pm, Park entry permit required Kevin Holliday (402) 883-2575 www.outdoornebraska.org

Sep 5

Uehling, Dodge County

Melodrama Dinner Theatre and Dessert

City auditorium, 224 3rd St Presenting 2 one-act plays with an afternoon dessert matinee and and evening dinner theater. 1:30 & 6:30pm, \$8 dessert, \$16 dinner Mitzi Anderson (402) 377-2715

Sep 5-6

Wausa, Knox County

Labor Day Festival

Gladstone Park Car show, food booths, children's carnival, ATV mud bog races, trap shooting, street dance, poker run and more. Free Brad Kumm (402) 586-2809 www.mywausanews.com

Sep 5-7

Arcadia, Valley County

Fall Festival

City-wide Three fun-filled days including sports tournaments, demolition derby, BBQ, kiddy rides, parade and more. Free Barb Dorsey (308) 789-6367 www.visitvalleycounty.com

Sep 5-7

Bridgeport, Morrill County

Camp Clarke Raiders Fall Rendezvous

Seybolt Park, 5 mi. S. of town Blackpowder rifle, shotgun and pistol shoots for adults and children, hawk and knife throws, games, raffles, food and more. Step back into the 1800s. Daily, 8am-5pm, \$30 camp/event fee for entire family Nancy or LeRoy Eichthaler (308) 262-1080

Sep 5-7

Callaway, Custer County

19th Annual Kite Flight

4 mi. S.E. on NE Hwy 40 Family, amateur and experienced kite flying. Concessions, kite Bingo, musical entertainment, world's largest windsock, and other fun events. Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun, 10am-noon, \$2 Betsy Spanel (308) 836-4416 www.callawayne.com

Sep 5-7

Johnstown, Brown County

Brown County Fair & Rodeo

N. Main St Rodeos, BBQs, parade, entertainment and concerts. Dave Sherman (402) 722-4404 www.ainsworthchamber.com

Sep 5-7

Kearney, Buffalo County

Living History Labor Day Weekend at Fort Kearny State Historical Park

1020 V Rd Demonstrations and canon firing at 2pm. Park entry permit required. (308) 865-5305

Sep 5-7

Lodgepole, Cheyenne County

Old Settlers Days

City-wide Parade, crafts, BBQ, tractor pull, art show, children's games and more. Free (308) 483-5353 www.lodgepole.us

Sep 5-7

Paxton, Keith County

Labor Day Celebration and Thunder in the Valley

Main St & E. US Hwy 30 Parade, tractor pull, horseshoes, children's games, crafts, food and more. Thunder in the Valley bull riding, comedy acts and muton busting events held on Saturday. (308) 239-4388

Sep 5-7

York, York County

Annual Rosemary Stahr Memorial Soccer Classic

Cornerstone Sports Complex More than 80 teams from 4 states compete in York's largest sporting event. John Sozio (402) 362-2288 www.nsle.com/vorkfest.html

Sep 5-9

Omaha, Douglas County

Rockbrook Village 38th Annual Art Fair

2800 S. 110th Court More than 150 national, regional and local aritsts will display and sell their one-of-a-kind art works. Sat, 10am-7pm; Sun, 10am-5pm, Free Merrilee Miller (402) 390-0890 www.rockbrookyillage.com

Sep 6

Fremont, Dodge County International Festival

John C. Fremont Park Multi-cultural festival with ethnic foods, music and dance. 2-5:30pm, Free Leslie Carter (402) 721-2264 www.mainstreetfremont.org

Sep 6-7

Schuyler, Colfax County Labor Day Celebration

American Legion Carnival, entertainment, parade and more. (402) 352-2401 www.schuylernebraska.net

Sen 7

Newcastle, Dixon County

Labor Day Celebration

City-wide Parade, children's games, antique machinery and the biggest one-day threshing show in northeast Nebraska. 9am-4pm, Free Denise Kneifl (402) 355-2442 www.newcastlenebraska.com

Sep 7

Uehling, Dodge County

Labor Day Celebration

City-wide Soap box derby, horshoes, fun walk/run, parade, children's games, beer garden and more. (402) 567-2292

Sep 10-12

Hastings, Adams County

Miles of Memories Country MusicFest

Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 S. Baltimore Ave Country music concerts, theme shows and dances for fans of traditional country music. Daily, 10am-11pm, \$15 Mary Schutz (903) 467-9545 www.texandmarv.com

Sep 11-12

Cozad, Dawson County

Hav Davs

Downtown Carnival, parade and food vendors. (308) 784-3930 www.cozadnebraska.net

Sep 11-12

Neligh, Antelope County

Bread 'N Jam Festival

Neligh Mills, N St & Wylie Dr Enjoy country gospel music, bake off contests, vendors, children's activities, demonstrations, cookie baking contests and more. Free Kate Ostenrude (402) 887-5140 www.nelighpub.info

Sep 11-13

Alliance, Box Butte County

Treasure Trek

Communities in western Nebraska from I-80 to Hwy 20 Enjoy church bazaars, fall festivals, flea markets, specialty shops and more. Darcy Sutton (308) 762-1520 www.treasuretrekne.com

Sep 11-13

Brownville, Nemaha County

Andrea Sings Astaire: Andrea Marcovicci

Brownville Concert Series 11th & 12th at 7:30pm; 13th at 2pm (402) 825-3331 www.brownvillene.com

Sep 11-13

Dalton, Cheyenne County

Fall Festival

Downtown and US Hwy 385 Parade, crafts, games, fireworks display, BBQ and more. Free Luella Cooper (308) 377-2333

Sep 11-13

North Platte, Lincoln County

Nebraska State Rodeo Association State Finals

Wild West Arena Cowboys and cowgirls compete in various rodeo events. (800) 955-4528 www.nebraskarodeo.com

Sep 11-13

Ogallala, Keith County

Toucan Open - Windsurfing Regatta

Lake McConaughy State Recreation Area, Sandy Beach Enjoy the races and beach party. Daily, 9am-5pm, Free Karen Marriott (303) 423-0654 www.larsonsport.com

Sep 11-13

Plattsmouth, Cass County

Kass Kounty King Korn Karnival

Main St Parades, live entertainment, slow tractor pulls, fire fighter competition, carnival rides and more. Daily, 9am-midnight, Free Sharlene Molck (402) 298-8555 www.plattsmouthchamber.com

Sep 12

Ashland, Saunders County

Moonshell Storytelling Festival

Mahoney State Park A storytelling event for the entire family. 10:30am-9:30pm, \$4.50/car Liz Kumru (402) 331-0992 www.nebraskastoryarts.org

Sep 12

Ashland, Saunders County

Ox Bow Trail Wranglers Ranch Rodeo

Rodeo grounds, 7th & Clay Sts Ranching events, wild steer riding, branding, trailer loading and stampede race. 7pm, Free Buster Roberts (402) 429-2425 www.historicashland.com

Sep 12

Carleton, Thayer County

Milo Day

City-wide Milo pancakes, queen contest, parade, tractor show, horse show, BBQ, children's activities, baking contest, exhibits and more. Cris Smith (402) 356-2711 www.thayercounty.org

Sep 12

Fordyce, Cedar County

Wylie & The Wild West

WJ Ranch, 55659 892 Rd One of the most exciting and endearing acts in contemporary music - country, Western, folk or otherwise. 8pm (402) 357-2102 www.schiferlswjranch.com

Sep 12

Hastings, Adams County

Ram Run & Walk

Central Community College Take part in the 5 mile competitive race or the 2 mile fun run/walk. 8am, \$12 early registration, \$15 late Chuck Breunig (402) 461-2425

Sep 12

Hastings, Adams County

Rabbit Show

Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 S. Baltimore Connie Niles (402) 461-7515

Sep 12

Henderson, York County

Heritage Day

Henderson Mennonite Heritage Park Enjoy daily activities done the old-fashioned Mennonite way. Lard rendering, cracklings, spare ribs, sausage making, bread baking, ethnic foods, butter making and more. 9am-2pm, Donation Marjorie Smith (402) 723-5793 www.hendersonheritage.org

Sep 12

Wellfleet, Lincoln County

Fall Festiva

City-wide Craft show, tractor pull, parade, free pit BBQ, horse races, children's games, beer garden and dance. 10am-1am, Free Jodi Knox (308) 289-1301 www.wellfleetfallfestival.com

Sep 12-13

Alliance, Box Butte County

Dobby's Frontier Town Fall Festival

320 E. 25th St Step back into the late 19th century. Demonstrations of daily activities, tours of historical buildings and implement displays. 10am-6pm Liz Lee (308) 762-4321 www.dobbysfrontiertown.com

Sep 12-13

Brule, Keith County

Gun Show

Activity Center Buy, sell, trade guns. Denise Moorhead (308) 287-2228

Sep 12-13

Clay Center, Clay County

Old Trusty Antique Engine & Collectors Show

Fairgrounds, 701 N. Martin Celebration of life long ago on the farm. Draft horse show, country music, working heritage craftsment, tractor pulls, flea market, fresh taffy and sweet sorghum molasses and more. Sat, 8am-8pm; Sun, 8am-5pm, \$1-\$5 Joyce Schlick (402) 726-2487 www.oldtrusty.org

Sep 12-Nov 1

Nickerson, Dodge County

Corn Maze at Camp Fontanelle

9677 County Rd 3 Dare to solve the 10-acre maze! U-pick pumpkins, petting barn, lawn games, campfires, tricycle trails and concessions. Sat-Sun, 1-7pm. Annual BBQ Sun, Sept 20, 11am-5pm., \$4-\$6 Trent Meyer (402) 478-4296 www.campfontanelle.com

Sep 12-Nov 8

Red Cloud, Webster County

Beyond Baseball: The Life of Roberto Clemente

Red Cloud Opera House A tribute to this monumental figure's outstanding achievements on the field and off. Free (402) 746-2641 www.willacather.org

Sep 13

Dodge, Dodge County

40th Annual Demolition Derby

2 blks S. of downtown 2pm, \$3-\$6 Don Bayer (402) 693-2852

Sep 13

Fremont, Dodge County

23rd Annual Fremont Toy Show

Christensen Field, 16th St & Ridge Rd Antique and collectible toys. 9am-3pm, \$3 Carl Soukup (402) 720-6490

Sep 13

Hastings, Adams County

Chapparral's Motorcycle Poker Run

Highland Park Motorcycles drive to 5 check points to draw a card. The best poker hand at the end wins. Begins at 11:30am, \$5 Doug Mick (402) 463-6889 hastingschapparrals.blogspot.com

Sep 13

Odell, Gage County

Community Day

City-wide Fun day filled with games and activities for all ages. Learn about the history of transportation and its affects on communities as the West was settled. Free (402) 223-2338 www.visitodell.com

Sep 15-17

Grand Island, Hall County

Husker Harvest Days

9000 W. Husker Hwy The world's largest totally irrigated working farm show. More than 80 acres of exhibits, field demonstrations, seminars, crafts and artwork and much more. Tue-Wed, 8am-5pm; Thu, 8am-4pm, \$5-\$7 Matt Jungmann (309) 582-0996 www.huskerharvestdays.com

July 17-26

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Cornhusker State Games

Locations throughout town (402) 471-2544 www.cornhuskerstategames.com

Sep 17-19

Gothenburg, Dawson County

95th Annual Harvest Festival

City-wide Dog show and stuffed animal pet parade on Thursday, kids' parade on Friday, and festival parade on Saturday. Food, arts and crafts, displays, horseshoes, bed races, mud races and more. (308) 537-3505 www.gothenburgdelivers.com

Sep 17-19

Ogallala, Keith County

25th Annual Indian Summer Rendezvous

Downtown Parade, craft show, quilt show, live entertainment, chili cook-off and more. (308) 284-4066 www.visitogallala.com

Sep 18-19

Omaha, Douglas County

German Day & Oktoberfest

German-American Society, 3717 S. 120th St Celebrate old-fashioned traditions with German folk dancing, singing, great ethnic foods and plenty of German history. 11:30am-midnight (402) 333-6615 www.germanamericansociety.org

Sep 18-19

York, York County

30th Annual Yorkfest

City-wide Dozens of family-friendly events including a grand parade, food, music, vendors and more. Todd Kirshenbaum (402) 362-5531 www.yorkchamber.org

Sep 18-20

North Platte, Lincoln County

Rail Fest

Cody Park, Bailey Yards & Mid Plains Community College Celebrate everything railroad! Model train displays, tours of Bailey Yard, locomotive display, live music and more. (308) 534-3648 www.railtownusa.org

Sep 19

Greeley, Greeley County

3rd Annual Irish Festival

306 N. Clare St Celebrate the area's Irish heritage with non-stop live Irish music, food, drink, history, customs and education all in an outdoor venue. Enjoy music groups from Ireland and the US. 11am-11pm, \$15-\$20, under age 12 free with an adult Patty Harris (308) 428-5595 www.greeleyirishfestival.com

Sep 19

Red Cloud, Webster County

Septemberfest

Starke Round Barn, 4 mi. E. Enjoy a variety of cookoff events for chili, beef, pork and more! Sampling begins at 5pm Laura Roybal (402) 746-3238 www.redcloudnebraska.com

Sep 19

Stanton, Stanton County

28th Anniversary Celebration at the Uptown Brewery

801 10th St Amazing music, food and drink. 6:30pm (402) 439-5100

Sep 19

Tekamah, Burt County

Apple Jam Festival

Master's Hand Candles, Jct of S. Hwy 75 & Cty Rd F Family entertainment, pony rides, train rides, inflatables, live demonstrations, face painting, food and live music. 10am-10pm (402) 870-1333 www.mastershandcandles.com/applejam.html

Sep 19

Tilden, Madison County

American Legion Post's 8th Annual RibFest

American Legion Post Rib contest for everyone to enjoy.

Sep 19

Wallace, Lincoln County

Fall Festival

City-wide Parade, children's games, rodeo, tractor pull, BBQ, street dance and other events. (800) 955-4528 www.wallacene.com

Sep 19-20

Gering, Scotts Bluff County

Farm and Ranch Museum Annual Harvest Festival on the Old Oregon Trail

2930 Old Oregon Trail Experience the sights, sounds and activities of agriculture's past and present with hands-on events, displays and celebrations. Vintage farm equipment, children's activities and more. 9am-5pm, \$3 Nancy Haney (308) 436-1989 www.farmandranchmuseum.com

Sep 19-20

Nebraska City, Otoe County

Annual AppleJack Festival

City-wide Celebrate apple harvest with apple pie, cider and plenty of events including a parade, craft show, fine art show and more. (800) 514-9113 www.nebraskacity.com

Sep 19-20

Pierce, Pierce County

Pierce Old Time Threshing Bee

Pierce County Fairgrounds Daily parade, tractor displays, tractor drive, threshing, demonstrations and more. Daily, 8am-5pm, \$5 Elwood Meier (402) 329-4245 www.ptcnet.net/museum

Sep 19-20

Ponca, Dixon County

Missouri River Outdoor Expo at Ponca State Park

88090 Spur 26E Connect with the outdoors through hands-on experiences including outdoor cooking, wildlife observation, mountain biking, kayaking and canoeing, fishing, dog training, conservation and more. Park entry permit required Jeff Fields (402) 755-2284 www.outdoornebraska.org

Sep 19-20

Steele City, Jefferson County

Flea Market & Antique Machinery Show

Downtown Vendors of every kind, tractor parade, tractor run, antique tractor pull, music and more. www.visitoregontrail.org

Sep 19-Oct 31

Avoca, Cass County

Pumpkin Festival at Bloom Where You're Planted Farm

911 108th St Activities for all ages including a nature trail, corn box, pumpkin painting, agricultural exhibits, concessions, gift shop and a variety of produce. Fri, 1-6pm; Sat, 10am-6pm, \$3, ages 2 & under free Teresa Lorensen (402) 267-4104 www.bloompumpkinpatch.com

Sep 20

Grand Island, Hall County

Running of the Wieners

Platte Duetsche, 1315 W. Anna St Back by "pupular" demand! Three classes include Senior Sausages, Frankfurters and Little Smokies. 12:30pm, Free Sheryl Kosch (308) 382-0586

Sep 20

West Point, Cuming County

Last Fling Til Spring Car Show

Main St Nebraska's largest one-day car show with more than 600 vehicles stretched over 10 blocks. Home of the monster trophies. (402) 372-2981 www.roadgems.com

Sep 20

Wilcox, Kearney County

Fall Festival

City-wide Parade, soap box derby, crafts, car show, plowing bee, BBQ and more. 9am-4pm, Free Sandra Blank (308) 478-5454

Sep 24-27

Omaha, Douglas County

River City Roundup and Douglas County Fair

Qwest Center, 455 N. 10th St Four day western festival featuring numerous events including rodeos, parades and concerts. Admission to rodeos and concerts. (402) 554-9600 www.rivercityroundup.org

Sep 25-27

Albion, Boone County

Nebraska Fur Harvesters Event

Boone County Fairgrounds Demonstrations and techniques by experts, equipment vendors, games, prizes and more. 8am-6pm, \$5 Don Miller (308) 440-2951

Sep 25-27

Burwell, Garfield County

Nebraska's Junk Jaunt

220 miles along NE Hwys 11, 91 & 2 A 220-mile span of flea markets, food stands, antique dealers, farmers markets and more. (308) 346-5210 www.junkjaunt.com

Sep 25-27

Hayes Center, Hayes County Grand Duke Alexis Rendezvous

Camp Hayes Lake, 11 mi. N.E. A celebration to commemorate the buffalo hunt arranged in honor of the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia. Black powder shoots, historical presentations, ladies prairie tea, food, games and much more. 9am-10pm, Free Doris Vlasin (308) 286-3463 www.granddukealexis.com

Sep 25-27

Hordville, Hamilton County

Flood Fest Country Music Festival

Covenant Cedars Bible Camp Non-stop concerts, 2 air-conditioned stages with more than 100 regional performers and songwriter and guitar workshops. Camping and lodging available. \$10 Elton & Connie Floodman (402) 757-3201 www.centralcitychamber.com

Sep 25-27

Omaha, Douglas County

Antique and Garden Show

Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Botanical Center, 100 Bancroft St Top dealers from around the country sell their wares. Appraisal clinics and thousands of antiques including rare art, jewelry, rugs, linens, porcelain, silver and furniture. 9am-5pm, \$10 Maureen Thomsen (402) 346-4002 www.lauritzengardens.org

Sep 25-Oct 31

Bennington, Douglas County

Fall Harvest on the Farm at Pooley's Pumpkin Patch

144th & Bennington Rd Enjoy a fun-filled day at this 130-acre working farm. Hayrack rides, petting zoo, chicken coop, pony rides, corn cannon, tire swings and more. Tue-Sun, 10am-8pm, \$6, ages 2 & under free Elizabeth Pooley (402) 238-3663 www.pooleyspumpkinpatch.com

Sep 25-Oct 31

Glenvil, Clay County

Country Harvest Pumpkin Patch Festival

331 Rd 310 A pumpkin patch with plenty of family fun events including hayrack rides, hillside slides, zip line rides, corn maze and more. Fri, 2pm-dusk; Sat, 10am-dusk; Sun, noon-dusk, \$6.50 Paul & Ronna Fredricks (402) 771-2148 www.countryharvestpumpkinpatch.com

Sep 25-Oct 31

Grant, Perkins County

Cornstalk

76645 Rd 330 Haunted cornfield maze, haunted barnyard and haunted forest. Fun for all ages! John Jackson (308) 352-8126 www.cornstalkonline.com

Sep 26

Grand Island, Hall County

Stuhr Museum's Harvest Festival

3133 W. US Hwy 34 Enjoy harvest demonstrations, work your way through our grass maze, see cooking demonstrations, watch vintage baseball games and pick your own pumpkin. 10am-9pm, \$6-\$8 Martha Paulsen (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

Sep 26

Kimball, Kimball County

Farmers Day Parade & Festival

Downtown Craft show, hamburger feed, bed races, fun run and children's games. 6am-10pm John Morrison (308) 235-3272 www.ci.kimball.ne.us

Sep 26

Sidney, Cheyenne County

Vocair Flyin Club's Annual Fly-In Breakfast

Municipal Airport, 11149 Rd 16 View Cessnas, pipers, beech craft, bi-planes, home builts and experimental planes. Plane rides and all-you-can-eat breakfast. 7:30-11:30am Jon Leever (308) 254-7443

Sep 26

Springfield, Sarpy County

Harvest Festival at Soaring Wings Vineyard

17111 S. 138th St Grape stomping competitions, live music, award-winning wine and more. Noon-8pm, \$7-\$12 Jim Shaw (402) 699-2057 www.soaringwingswine.com

Sep 26

Stamford, Harlan County

Pork Davs

Main St Parade, arts and crafts, street games, free pork BBQ and entertainment. Free Ro Novak (308) 868-2401

Sep 26-27

Brownville, Nemaha County

Fall Flea Market

Main St More than 270 vendors from 7 states selling antiques, primitives, crafts, flowers, jewelry, various foods and collectibles. 8am-5pm, Free Jim Doty (402) 825-3731 www.brownville-ne.com

Sep 26-27

Brownville, Nemaha County

Bird & Animal Swap

People from 5 states gather and sell miniature animals and birds and their accoutrements. (402) 825-3631 www.brownville-ne.com

Sep 26-27

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Lincoln Arts Festival at South Pointe Pavilions

27th & Pine Lake Rd This year's festival boasts many new artists as well as some of your tried-and-true favorites. Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, 10am-5pm, Free Trisha Spanbauer (402) 434-2787 www.artscene.org

Sep 26-27

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Rock Creek Renegades Black Powder & Early American Gun Show

State Fair Park, Ag Hall Early American guns and crafts. Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 9am-4pm Ardis Moody (402) 477-6409 www.statefair.org

Sep 26-27

McCook, Red Willow County

Heritage Days

Norris Ave Parade, craft and food booths and musical entertainment. Free Pam Harsh (308) 345-3200, www.aboutmccook.com

Sep 26-Dec 31

Omaha, Douglas County

Kent Bellows (Special Exhibition)

Joslyn Art Museum, 2200 Dodge St A retrospective of the work of Omaha artist Kent Bellows known for his figurative works in the style of meticulous realism. Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun, noon-4pm, \$4-\$7, free admission on Sat, 10am-noon (402) 342-3300 www.joslyn.org

Sep 26-Oct 31

Gretna, Sarpy County

Vala's Pumpkin Patch Fall Festival

12103 S. 180th St Enjoy hayrack rides, lost pumpkin mine trecks, pig races, petting corral and more. Kelly Paxton (402) 332-4200 www.valaspumpkinpatch.com

Sep 27

Brownville, Nemaha County Violinist: Stefan Milenkovich

Brownville Concert Series 2pm (402) 825-3331 www.brownville-ne.com

Sep 27

Chadron, Dawes County

History in Action Day

Dawes County Historical Museum, 341 Country Club Rd Demonstrations, buggy rides and old-fashioned hands-on activities including butter churning, wheat weaving, wood carving and more. 1-5pm, Free (308) 432-4999 www.chadron.com

Sep 27

Fremont, Dodge County

42nd Annual Fremont Antique Car Club Swap

Christensen Field, 16th & Ridge Rd One of Nebraska's largest one day swap meets. A variety of items from cars and auto parts outside, to arts and crafts inside. 6am-5pm, Free Gene Chappelear (402) 721-0475 www.fremontantiquecarclub.com

Sep 27

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K

Lewis & Clark Landing Enjoy the excitement and scenery of running through downtown Omaha along the Missouri River. Cross the finish line to live bands and entertainment. Race begins at 7am Susan Smisek (402) 630-2282 www.omahamarathon.com

Sep 27

St. James, Cedar County

St. James Marketplace Heritage Fest

St. James Marketplace Enjoy a day filled with activities from days gone by. Homemade ice crea, sorting and grading corn, square dancing, spinning and plenty of food. 11am-5pm, Free Mary Rose Pinkelman (402) 357-3330 www.stjamesmarketplace.com

Sep 27-Oct 18

Nebraska City, Otoe County

Living History Sundays at Arbor Lodge State Historical Park

2600 Arbor Ave Featuring a variety of old time skills and entertainment. Sun, 1-5pm, \$3 adult, \$1 children for mansion admission Laura Steinman (402) 873-7222 www.outdoornebraska.org

Oct

Champion, Chase County

Cox's Pumpkin Patch Events

Cox's Pumpkin Patch & Pond, 5 mi. W. of town Pumpkins, pony rides, hayrack rides, scarecrow contests, 5K and 10 mile runs. Free Jill Moline (308) 338-5389 www.imperialchamber.com

Oct 1-31

Grand Island, Hall County

The Annual National Miniature Show

Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St Competition open to artists from around the US. Artist reception Oct 9, 5:30pm, Free (308) 381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com

Oct 1-31

Nebraska City, Otoe County

Victorian Christmas

Historic Wildwood Home & Art Gallery (402) 873-6654 www.nebraskacity.com

Oct 1-Dec 31

Boys Town, Douglas County

Christmas Seal History of Boys Town

Stamp Museum Display of Christmas seals sent out from Boys Town since the 1920s. Daily, 8am-5pm, Free (402) 498-1141 www.visitboystown.org

Oct 2

Omaha, Douglas County

Fall Chrysanthemum Show

Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Botanical Center, 100 Bancroft St Enjoy autumn colors during this Japanese-inspired show. Daily, 9am-5pm, \$3-\$7 Maureen Thomsen (402) 346-4002 www.lauritzengardens.org

Oct 2

Plattsmouth, Cass County

Cruisin Main

Main St Car enthusiasts come from surrounding areas to enjoy live entertainment and a show and shine car show. Jim Ristow (402) 223-5233 www.plattsmouthchamber.com

Oct 2-4

Sidney, Cheyenne County

Oktoberfest

Fairgrounds, 10955 US Hwy 30 Ethnic festival with continuous free entertainment, craft and food booths, parade, farmers market, live dance bands, beer tent and more. 7am-midnight, Free Judy Harris (308) 254-2932 www.cheyennecountychamber.com

Oct 3

Beatrice, Gage County

Arts in the Park

Riverside Park Live entertainment, craft and food vendors, and the Inspiration Station - children's craft area. 10am-5pm Julie Jurgens (402) 223-2338 www.beatricechamber.com

Oct 3

Doniphan, Hall County

Fall Festival

Plum St Dinner, parade, children's games, concessions, hamburger feed and more. Mona Schafer (402) 845-2981 www.ci.doniphan.ne.us

Oct 3

Elgin, Antelope County

Craft & Product Fair

St. Boniface auditoritum and basement 10am-5pm, Free Linda Kerkman (402) 843-5946

Oct 3

Endicott, Jefferson County

Lord's Acre Day

United Methodist Church Enjoy a pancake breakfast, parade, crafts, food, children's games, door prizes and don't forget to try some of the famous homemade horseradish! 6am-4pm Loren Specht (402) 729-6048

Oct 3

Kearney, Buffalo County Archway Harvest Fair

Great Platte River Road Archway, 3060 E. 1st St Enjoy harvest themed games, homemade pie, scarecrow competitions and entertainment. 10am-3pm Ronnie O'Brien (308) 237-1000 www.archway.org

Oct 3

Omaha, Douglas County

Rockbrook Village Apple Day Craft Show

108th & Center Rd The finest in regional crafts. 10am-5pm, Free Merrilee Miller (402) 390-0890 www.rockbrookvillage.com

Oct 3

Orleans, Harlan County

Applefest

Fairgrounds Crafters, classic cars and tractors, music, children's games and pumpkin drawing contest. 9am-5pm, \$1 Charlene Hunt (308) 473-5120

Oct 3

Uehling, Dodge County

Craft Show

City auditorium, 224 3rd St Free Kathy Greenfield (402) 567-2515 www.uehlingne.org

Oct 3

York, York County

October Czechfest

City auditorium, 6th & Nebraska Ave Enjoy the 4th annual festival to promote Czech heritage through music, dance, dress, food and demonstrations. 11am-5:30pm, Free Gary Vavra (402) 724-2556 www.nebraskaczechs.org

Oct 3-4

Belvidere, Thayer County

Fall Festival

Thayer County Museum Pioneer demonstrations along with wagon rides, craft booths, food and antiques. 10am-5pm, \$.50 Jackie Williamson (402) 768-6845

Oct 3-4

Filley, Gage County

Harvest Festival

Elijah Filley Stone Barn, 2 mi. S. of Filley 17th annual fall harvest festival featuring blacksmithing demonstrations, antique machinery and old-fashioned farming demonstrations including corn shelling and haying. Lesa Arterburn (402) 228-1679 www.byjake.com/gagecountymuseum

Oct 3-4

Hastings, Adams County

Gun Show

Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 S. Baltimore Ave Jim Price (402) 462-5011

Oct 3-4

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Carpenter Antique Show

State Fair Park - Ag Hall Sat, 9am-6pm; Sun, 10am-4pm (402) 466-5936 www.statefair.org

Oct 3-4

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha North Hills Pottery Tour

Various locations along US Hwy 75 between Omaha and Herman Spend a weekend discovering area potters! Quality clay art, insights into creativity, explorations of local history, tastes of Nebraska wines and the beauty of the Loess Hills. Sat, 10am-7pm; Sun, 10am-5pm, Free Liz Vercruysse (402) 456-7669 www.omahanorthhillspotterytour.com

Oct 3-4

Omaha, Douglas County

Autumn Ambience and Japanese Ambience

Lauritzen Gardens, 100 Bancroft St Celebrate harvest! Featuring Japanese Ambience: A Salute to Shizuoka & Japanese Culture. Antique displays, hands-on children's activities, scarecrow making, live music and hayrack rides. 9am-5pm, \$3-\$7 Maureen Thomsen (402) 346-4002 www.lauritzengardens.org

Oct 3-4

Omaha, Douglas County

Nebraska Mineral and Gem Club's Jewelry & Mineral Show

Westside Community Center, 3534 S. 108th St Demonstrations of rock cutting and polishing, wire wrapping, bead making and fossil cleaning. Jewelry, rough rocks, minerals, fossils and supplies available. Sat, 9am-6pm; Sun, 10am-5pm, \$2-\$4 Tim Kautsch (402) 397-9606 www.nerockgem.org

Oct 3-4

York, York County

Wessels Living History Farm Tractor, Engine, Equipment and Auto Show

1 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 353 Living history demonstrations, exhibits of antique tractors and engines, wagon rides, children's activities, barn dance and tours of historic buildings. Sat, 10amdusk; Sun, 10am-4:30pm, \$3-\$5 Dale Clark (402) 710-0682 www.livinghistoryfarm.org

Oct 4

Elyria, Valley County

Pumpkin Festival

City-wide Kick off the season with free pumpkin pie! Crafts, children's rides, games and food. 10am-4pm, Free Judi Welniak (308) 728-5727 www.visitvalleycounty.com

Oct 4

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo's Zoo Run

3701 S. 10th St (402) 738-2047 www.omahazoo.com

Oct 4

Seward, Seward County

Classic Car Show

Seward County Museum, I-80 Goehner Exit Tour the museum and historic buildings or enjoy a steam engine train ride. 9am-4pm, Free (402) 523-4460

Oct 7-Dec 31

Hastings, Adams County

Fly Me to the Moon

Lied Super Screen Theatre Enjoy the excitement of space exploration and experience one of mankind's most memorable moments - man's first landing on the moon. \$5.50-\$7 (800) 508-4629 www.hastingsmuseum.org

Oct 8-1

Brownville, Nemaha County

Plein Aire Event: Paint Brownville Autumn

This exciting four-day event offers a perfect creative get-away. (402) 825-3992 www.brownville-ne.com

Oct 9-10, 16-17 of 2009

Shubert, Richardson County

Haunted Hollow Hayrack Rides at Indian Cave State Park

2 mi. N., 5 mi. E. on Hwy 64E Enjoy a spooky Halloween hayrack ride! Fri-Sat, 7:30-10pm, Park entry permit, \$3-\$5 admission Kevin Holliday (402) 883-2575 www.outdoornebraska.org

Oct 10

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Silver Hawk Fine Arts & Craft Fair

Lincoln Southwest High School, 7001 S. 14th St More than 50 vendors with hand-made, top-quality items. 9am-4pm, \$1 Jake Sedivy (402) 436-1306

Oct 10

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Bead Bazaar

State Fair Park - Lancaster Bldg April Stevenson (402) 890-5779 www.statefair.org

Oct 10

York, York County

Nebraska Hand Cornhusking Contest

I-80 & US Hwy 81 Husking contest based on age, gender and experience. Entertainment, food vendors and agriculture-related children's activities. 7am-5pm Todd Kirshenbaum (402) 362-5531 www.yorkchamber.org

Oct 10-11

Bellevue, Sarpy County

Midlands Pirate Festival

Bellevue Pumpkin Patch Family festival that brings a theatrical flair of all things piratey! Historical and educational living history exhibits and children's zone. \$10 (641) 357-5177 www.festint.com

Oct 10-11

Brownville, Nemaha County

Old Time Autumn

Main St Living history demonstrations, music, food and a quilt show. Everyone welcome! 9am-4:30pm, Free Charles Anderson (402) 825-6001 www.brownville-ne.com

Oct 10-11

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Seasons of Crafts

Lancaster Event Center, 84th & Havelock Ave Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm, Free Mary Marik (402) 489-5001

Oct 10-12

Wymore, Gage County

Welsh Heritage Festival

Welsh Heritage Center, 307 S. 7th St Cultural and historical activities for Welsh Americans. Some events open to public for everyone to enjoy. 9am-10pm, Admission fee TBA Berwyn Jones (402) 421-8192 www.welshheritage.org

Oct 10-17

Ponca, Dixon County

Hallowfest at Ponca State Park

88090 Spur 26E The park's annual autumn event featuring haunted hayrack rides, pumpkin rolling and carving contest, campsite decorating contest and more. Hayride reservations available beginning 8am, Oct 5. Park entry permit required. \$6 adults, \$4 children Jeff Fields (402) 755-2284 www.outdoornebraska.org

Oct 10-Dec 31

Kearney, Buffalo County

Nebraska Now: Christina Narcwicz

Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA), 2401 Central Ave Tue-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm, Free Gina Garden (308) 865-8559 monet.unk.edu/mona

Oct 11

Avoca, Cass County

Schoolhouse Fiddling Bee

Old Schoolhouse, 504 Garfield St Fiddlers of all abilities compete for prizes. 2:30pm, \$1-\$5 David Seay (402) 275-3221 www.greenblattandseay.com

Oct 11

Ohiowa, Fillmore County

Ohiowa Craft Day

City auditorium 10am-3pm, Free Vicki Oxenbaugh (402) 295-2505

Oct 13-17

Hastings, Adams County

Annual Nebraska Country Music Festival

Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 S. Baltimore Ave Come on out and enjoy the performances and help to promote country music. (402) 462-3247 www.necmf.com

Oct 16-17

Grand Island, Hall County

All Hallows Eve

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, 3133 W. US Hwy 34 See spooks in Railroad Town's haunted field, listen to scary stories, bob for apples and grab some snacks from the Treat Trail. Costumed kids are welcome! 6-9pm, \$4-\$6 Martha Paulsen (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

Oct 16-18

Omaha, Douglas County

21st Annual Fall Home & Garden Expo

Qwest Center, 455 N. 10th St The largest fall home and garden expo in the Midwest. Everything for the home - inside and out. Fri, 5-10pm; Sat, 11am-8pm; Sun, 11am-5pm, \$7 Mike Mancuso (402) 346-8003 www.showofficeonline.com

Oct 16-18

Wakefield, Dixon County

Hot Air Balloon Festival

Main St Check out the balloons or take part in some fun activities. 7am-8pm, Free Eileen Petit (402) 287-2362 www.ci.wakefield.ne.us

Oct 17-18

Beatrice, Gage County

Fall Craft Show

Indian Creek Mall, 2205 N. 6th St Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, noon-4pm, Free Sheila Moore (402) 228-5888 www.indiancreekmallne.com

Oct 18

Brownville, Nemaha County

Baritone: Sidney Outlaw

Brownville Concert Series 2pm (402) 825-3331 www.brownville-ne.com

Oct 18

Schuyler, Colfax County

One-Person Theater: The Story of the Orphan Train by Pippa White

Saint Benedict Center, 1126 Rd I True stories of 7 brave young orphan train riders from their east coast beginnings to their new lives. 3pm, \$7-\$9 Fr. Thomas Leitner (402) 352-8819 www.stbenedictcenter.com

Oct 18-Dec 31

Omaha, Douglas County

New Harmonies - Smithsonian Touring Exhibit

Loves Jazz & Art Center, 2510 N. 24th St Exhibition that celebrates the cultural process that has made America the birthplace of great music. (402) 502-5291 www.lovesjazzartcenter.org

Oct 20-Nov 30

Chadron, Dawes County

In Citizen's Garb: Southern Plains Native Americans 1889-1891

Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, Chadron State College Explore how dress and life changed for the Kiowa and Comanche tribes as they gradually habituated themselves to the new life forced upon them by the US government. Mon-Fri, 8am-noon & 1-4pm; Sat, 9am-noon & 1-4pm, Free Sarah Polak (308) 432-6401 www.csc.edu/sandoz

Oct 22

Fremont, Dodge County

Main Street Halloween Hysteria

Downtown Face painting, hayrack rides, haunted bank, costume contest and more. 4:30-7:30pm, Free Leslie Carter (402) 721-2264 www.mainstreetfremont.org

Oct 23-25

North Platte, Lincoln County

Fall Craft & Gift Show

Platte River Mall, 1000 S. Dewey Fri-Sat, 10am-9pm; Sun, noon-6pm Mary Beth Kleidosty (308) 534-3090 www.platterivermall.com

Oct 24

Hastings, Adams County

Boo-Seum Spooktacular

Hastings Museum Celebrate Halloween with the Cave of Darkness and check out the museum's creepy collection. Costumes welcome! 6-9pm, \$4-\$6 (800) 508-4629 www.hastingsmuseum.org

Oct 24

Kearney, Buffalo County

Fall Festival of Crafts Show

Buffalo County Fairgrounds, 1400 E. 34th St More than 230 booths. 9am-5pm, Free Marlene Hadwiger (308) 234-4671

Oct 24

Stanton, Stanton County

Oktober Eurofest

Uptown Brewery, 801 10th St Mega celebration including food and wines of Germany, France and Italy. 6:30pm Rosalind Lamson (402) 439-5100 www.stanton.net

Oct 24

Wausa, Knox County

Wausa Smorgasbord

Community auditorium, 406 E. Broadway Swedish food festival with authentic foods, Swedish dancers, entertainment and local crafters. 5-8pm Doug Johnson (402) 586-2266 www.ci.wausa.ne.us

Oct 24-25

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Lancaster Antique Show

State Fair Park, Ag Hall Sat, 9am-6pm; Sun, 10am-4pm Russ Blank (402) 489-7784

Oct 25

Monroe, Platte County

Halloween Carnival

City auditorium Carnival games, door prizes, treats and more. All ages welcome! 1-4pm, Free Casey Spitz (402) 495-2002

Oct 25

Omaha, Douglas County

Spooktacular

Henry Doorly Zoo, 3701 S. 10th St Bring your lion, tiger and bear cubs to fill up on treats, view the animals and have a blast. 10am-3pm (402) 733-2038 www.omahazoo.com

Oct 25

Ord, Valley County

National Hall Craft Fair

National Hall, 11 mi. W. Enjoy crafts and ethnic foods. (308) 728-7875 www.ordnebraska.com

Oct 25

Petersburg, Boone County

Punkin' Chunkin'

1 mi. E. Contest to see who can shoot a 10-lb pumpkin the farthest with a catapult or air cannon. It's a blast! Free (402) 386-5551 www.ci.petersburg.ne.us

Oct 25

York, York County

Boo at the Farm

Wessels Living History Farm, 1 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 353 Enjoy children's games in the barn, prizes, wagon rides through the pumpkin patch and a spooky Halloween atmosphere. 1-4pm, \$2 children, accompanying adults free Dale Clark (402) 710-0682 www.livinghistoryfarm.org

Oct 26-30

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Boo at the Zoo

Lincoln Children's Zoo, 1222 S. 27th St Celebrate a safe and fun holiday tradition at the area's largest Halloween event. Enjoy trick-or-treating in a safe environment surrounded by Zoo animals. Visit more than 30 Boo Stations! 5:30-8pm Doug Smith (402) 475-6741 www.lincolnzoo.org

Oct 29

York, York County

Scream on the Square

Downtown Children's activities, trick-or-treating, finals of the National Scream Contest and more. 5-9pm, Free Todd Kirshenbaum (402) 362-5531 www.vorkchamber.org

Oct 30

Beatrice, Gage County

Night of the Great Pumpkin

Downtown Fun Halloween games and activities for little spooks and goblins. 4-7pm, Free Angela Fortier (402) 223-3244 www.mainstreetbeatrice.org

Oct 30

Franklin, Franklin County

End of Harvest Celebration

Franklin County Fairgrounds Enjoy a BBQ, professional entertainment and dancing to celebrate the end of the harvest season. 6pm-midnight, Free Patricia Ayres (308) 425-6295

Oct 3

Bertrand, Phelps County

Craft Show

Community Building - School Gym Check out 100 vendor tables and enjoy lunch. 9:30am-3pm, Free Janice Gergerbach (308) 472-5092

Oct 31

Scribner, Dodge County

Scribner Shenanigans and Haunted Hayrack Ride

Main St Events begin at 6pm Deb Eggleston (402) 664-2565 www.scribnernebraska.com

Oct 31-Nov 1

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Nebraska State Poultry Show

State Fair Park, Lancaster Bldg 7am-7pm, Free (402) 487-7215 www.statefair.org

Nov

Long Pine, Brown County

Fall Festival

City-wide Enjoy tasty chili from the chili cook-off or check out the area craft vendors. (402) 273-4100 www.cityoflongpine.org

Nov

Plattsmouth, Cass County

Hometown Holidays

Main St Popular horse-drawn carriage rides, caroling, live reindeer, tree lighting and visits from Santa and his elves. Jim Ristow (402) 223-5233 www.plattsmouthchamber.com

Nov 1

Monroe, Platte County

Turkey Dinner & Craft Bazaar

City auditorium Enjoy turkey and all the fixin's along with crafts and baked goods. 11am-2pm, \$7 ages 12 and up, \$3 ages 11 and under Mary Peach (402) 495-2788

Nov 1-30

Grand Island, Hall County

Scenes in Color

Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St Featuring the new creations of painters Patricia Coslor and Susanne Osberg, and jeweler Deb Brooks. Reception Nov 6, 5:30-8:30pm (308) 381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com

Nov 5-8

Omaha, Douglas County

Autumn Festival - An Arts and Crafts Affair

Qwest Center, 455 N. 10th St Hundreds of the nation's finest artists and crafts people from around the country. One of the top 100 shows in the country. Thu & Fri, 11am-9pm; Sat, 9am-7pm; Sun, 10am-5pm, \$6-\$7 (402) 331-2889 www.hpifestivals.com

Nov 7

Bellevue, Sarpy County

Nebraska's Official Veterans Day Parade

Downtown on Mission Ave In honor of all who have served for their country. 10am, Free (402) 898-3000 www.bellevuenebraska.com

Nov 7

Eustis, Frontier County

Craft Fair

Fair building, Legion Hall and Senior Center Crafts and food fair in 3 locations around town. 9am-3pm, Free Sharolyn Schmeeckle (308) 486-5511 www.eustisnebraska.com

Nov 7

Gering, Scotts Bluff County

Holiday Craft Fair

Gering Civic Center, 1050 M St Western Nebraska's premier holiday craft fair featuring hand-made crafts by exhibitors from 5 states. 9am-7pm, Free Karla Niedan-Streeks (308) 436-6888 www.geringciviccenter.com

Nov 7

Hastings, Adams County

Pigeon Show

Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 S. Baltimore Ave Lloyd Rippe (308) 986-2650

Nov 7-8

Homer, Dakota County

Annual O'Connor House Holiday Tour

O'Connor House, 2 mi. E. of the Pronto Station Featuring the Victorian mansion with 15 rooms, 1857 Combs schoolhouse and vintage machine building. Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun, noon-4pm, Donation Annette Leu (402) 494-1015 www.dakotacountyhistoricalsociety.com

Nov 7-8

Kearney, Buffalo County

Buffalo County Anituqe Flea Market

Buffalo County Fairgrounds More than 80 dealers from 9 states. Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm, \$2 Cindi Svarvari (308) 234-4354 www.casantiquemarketing.com

Nov 7-8

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Seasons of Crafts

Lancaster Event Center, 84th & Havelock Ave Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm, Free Mary Marik (402) 489-5001

Nov 8

Avoca, Cass County

Schoolhouse Performance Series featuring Greenblatt & Seay

Old Schoolhouse, 504 Garfield St 2:30pm, \$1-\$5 David Seay (402) 275-3221 www.greenblattandseay.com

Nov 8

Neligh, Antelope County

Rafts of Crafts

Elmer Lindahl Gym 10am-5pm Kay Stearns (402) 887-5128 www.neligh.net

Nov 11

Central City, Merrick County

Veterans Day Parade

Main St (US Hwy 30) Parade to honor all who fight for freedom. 2pm, Free Kendra Jefferson (308) 946-3897 www.centralcitychamber.com

Nov 12-15

Giltner, Hamilton County

Country Crafts and Friends

307 W. 5 Rd More than 30 vendors with handmade crafts in a store-like setting. Thu-Fri, 6-9pm; Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm, Free Cindy Consbruck (402) 849-2927

Nov 13

Stanton, Stanton County

Blues & Bleus Night

Uptown Brewery, 801 10th St A grand night at Café Roquefort. (402) 439-5100

Nov 13-14

Norfolk, Madison County

Cornucopia Craft Giftique

City auditorium, 127 N. 1st St Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm, \$.50 Sharon Pohlman (402) 564-1845

Nov 13-15

Lincoln, Lancaster County

NSAA State Volleyball Championships

Pershing Center & Bob Devaney Sports Center Daily, 9am-10pm, \$5-\$7 (402) 489-0386 www.nsaahome.org

Nov 14

Franklin, Franklin County

Parade of Lights

Main St Lighted float parade followed by a chili cookoff event. 6pm, Free Patricia Ayres (308) 425-6295

Nov 14

Kearney, Buffalo County

Holiday Splendor Craft Show & Nebraska Products Premier

Buffalo County Fairgrounds, 34th & N Sts 9am-5pm, Free Kyla Martin (308) 440-0153 www.mnca.net

Nov 14

Lincoln, Lancaster County

2009 Nebraska Book Festival

Downtown at 15th & P Sts Celebrate Nebraska's literary heritage with readings, discussions, writing work-shops and book sales. 8am-5pm, Free Michael Cartwright (402) 471-4006 www.nebraskabookfestival.org

Nov 14

Ravenna, Buffalo County

Holiday Happenings Craft Fair

City auditorium, 112 W. Genoa St 8am-5pm, Free Crystal Hanrahan (308) 452-4297 www.ci.ravenna.ne.us

Nov 15

Brownville, Nemaha County

Pianist: Louis Schwizgebel-Wang

Brownville Concert Series 2pm (402) 825-3331 www.brownville-ne.com

Nov 19

Columbus, Platte County

Downtown Christmas Stroll

13th St to 26th Ave downtown Start off the holiday season with a festive atmosphere of lights, music, carriage and trolly rides, food, fun and bargains. 4-8pm, Free Kevin Johnson (402) 564-1307 www.columbusnedowntown.com

Nov 19

Hastings, Adams County

Celebration of Lights

Downtown on 2nd St Santa turns on more than 4 miles of Christmas lights in the downtown area. Caroling, food vendors, entertainers, carriage rides and live reindeer followed by a brilliant fireworks display. 5-8pm, Free Jennifer Davis (402) 461-8413 www.hastingsdowntown.com

Nov 19-22

Columbus, Platte County

Festival of Trees

Columbus Public Library, 2504 14th St View Christmas trees decorated for the season. Thu, noon-8pm; Fri-Sun, noon-4:30pm, \$5 Mardi Brega (402) 564-6726

Nov 20

Hartington, Cedar County

Candlelight Christmas and Lighted Vehicle Parade

Downtown Silhouette lighting, living Christmas scenes, luminaries and a lighted vehicle parade. Parade begins at 7pm, Free Cindy Howey (402) 254-6939 www.hartingtonchamber.com

Nov 20

Sidney, Cheyenne County

Old-Fashioned Christmas and Lamplight Tours

Ft Sidney Museum & Post Commanders Home, 6th & Jackson Historical holiday decorations from the 1870s, music, refreshments and tours. 7-9pm, Free (308) 254-4419 www.cheyennecountychamber.com

Nov 20-22

Lincoln, Lancaster County

NSAA State High School Football Finals

University of NE - Lincoln, Memorial Stadium 10:30am-7pm, \$5-\$7 (402) 489-0386 www.nsaahome.org

Nov 20-22, 28-29/Dec 5-6

Brownville, Nemaha County

Christmas at the Carson House

Carson House Brownville Historical Society presents Christmas at the Carson House. Tours, music and tea inside this lovely, historic home. (402) 825-6001 www.brownville-ne.com

Nov 21

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Seasons of Crafts

Lancaster Event Center, 84th & Havelock Ave 9am-5pm, Free Mary Marik (402) 489-5001

Nov 21

Ogallala, Keith County

Annual Arts & Crafts Show

Keith County Fairgrounds Free Orla Kitt (308) 284-4066 www.visitogallala.com

Nov 21

Ord, Valley County

Candy Cane Lane Craft Show

Veterans Club, 246 15th St S. Shop more than 50 booths. 9am-4pm, Free Angle Kokes (308) 496-4477

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York, York County

Hometown Holiday Kick-Off

Downtown Kick off the holidays with a craft show, vists from Santa, lighting ceremony, taste of the holidays event and luminary search. 9am-9pm Todd Kirshenbaum (402) 362-5531 www.yorkchamber.org

Nov 21-22

Platte Center, Platte County

Harvestfest Crafts

City Hall Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 9am-4pm, \$.50 (402) 564-1845

Nov 21-Dec 31

Hastings, Adams County

27th Annual Festival of Trees

Hastings Museum More than 50 trees on display to celebrate the holiday season. Sun, noon-6pm; Tue-Thu, 9am-5pm; Fri-Sat, 9am-8pm, \$4-\$6 (800) 508-4629 www.hastingsmuseum.org

Nov 22

Lodgepole, Cheyenne County Christmas Decorating Party

Museum on Hwy 30 Make hand-strung popcorn for the tree and enjoy a hayrack ride or sleigh ride. Free (308) 483-5353

Nov 22

Tekamah, Burt County

Fantasy of Trees

Burt County Museum, 319 N. 13th St View the museum decorated for the holidays. 6:30-9pm, Donation Bonnie Newell (402) 374-1505

Nov 23-Dec 31

Omaha, Douglas County

Holiday Poinsettia Show

Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Botanical Center, 100 Bancroft St Spectacular exhibit includes a 20-ft poinsettia tree, beautifully decorated Christmas trees, antique sleighs and a model trail that travels through the display. Daily, 9am-5pm, \$3-\$6 Maureen Thomsen (402) 346-4002 www.lauritzengardens.org

Nov 26

Elgin, Antelope County

St. Boniface Thanksgiving Day Bazaar

St. Boniface auditorium, 209 Remington St Turkey, sausage and dressing dinner with all the trimmings. 11am-2pm Michele Reicks (402) 843-2345

Nov 26-Dec 31

Omaha, Douglas County

Holiday Lights Festival

Various downtown and Old Market locations Showcasing downtown Omaha and celebrating the spirit of the holidays with a full season of attractions and family friendly activities. Free Carly Barth (402) 345-5401 www.holidaylightsfestival.org

Nov 27

Aurora, Hamilton County

It's a Wonderful Life

Downtown square Catch the spirit of Christmas as the switch is thrown to fill the square with lights! Photos with Santa or the Grinch, sing along with the handbell choir or watch "It's a Wonderful Life." 6-8pm Heather Ballas (402) 694-6911 www.auroranebraska.com

Nov 27

Fremont, Dodge County

Main Street Christmas Walk

Downtown Holiday entertainment, gingerbread house contest, chili feed, photos with Santa, carriage rides and more. 5-8:30pm, Free Leslie Carter (402) 721-2264 www.mainstreetfremont.org

Nov 27-28

Minden, Kearney County

Christmas Traditions Celebration and Craft Show

Courthouse square Parade and games on the square for all ages. Marcy Brandt (308) 832-1811 www.mindenne.org

Nov 27-Dec 19

Fremont, Dodge County

Holiday Arts & Crafts Festival

Gallery 92 West, 92 W. 6th St Hand crafted items and demonstrations by local artisans. Nov 27, 10am-5pm; then Sun-Fri, 1-5pm, Free Pam King (402) 721-7779 www.92west.org

Nov 27-Dec 31

Omaha, Douglas County

Christmas at Union Station

Durham Western Heritage Museum, 801 S. 11th St Lighting of Omaha's largest Christmas tree, live music, holiday miniatures display and more. (402) 444-5071 www.durhammuseum.org

Nov 27-Dec 31

Superior, Nuckolls County

7th Annual Candy Cane Lane

Lincoln Park Huge displays decorated in lights for the holiday season, hayrack rides, hot chocolate, cider, roasting marshmellows and holiday movies. Every evening from 6-9pm, Donation Pam Frank (402) 879-3419 www.ci.superior.ne.us

Nov 28

Broken Bow, Custer County

Festival of Lights

City-wide Parade, city lights displays and visits from Santa. (308) 872-5691 www.brokenbow-ne.com

Nov 2

Kimball, Kimball County

Parade of Lights

Downtown Enjoy the arrival of Santa and downtown displays. 6-9pm, Free (308) 235-3782 www.ci.kimball.ne.us

Nov 28

Odell, Gage County

Odell Annual Craft Fair

City-wide Visit more than 70 craft vendors selling their hand-made wares. 9am-4pm, \$1 Mary Jo Bures (402) 766-3677

Nov 28

Ord, Valley County

Winterfest

Downtown square Enjoy a winter parade, holiday lights, horse and buggy rides, visits from Santa and other special events. Free Janie Zadina (308) 728-7875 www.ordnebraska.com

Nov 28. Dec 6 & 13

Minden, Kearney County

"Light of the World" Pageant

Courthouse square Since 1946 this outdoor pageant has been performed annually by over 115 volunteers of all ages. The finale is the illumination of over 12,000 lights. 7pm (308) 832-1811 www.mindenne.org

Nov 28-29

Columbus, Platte County

Turkeyfest Crafts

Center 30 Mall, 32nd Ave & 23rd St Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm Sharon Pohlman (402) 564-1845

Nov 28-29

Fordyce, Cedar County

WJ Ranch Cowboy Christmas

WJ Ranch, 55659 892 Rd Arts and crafts from over 45 vendors in a unique country setting. Horse and buggy rides, pony rides, trick roping demonstrations, children's crafts and refreshments. 10am-5pm, Free Jan Schiferl (402) 357-2102 www.schiferlswjranch.com

Nov 29-Dec 13

Beatrice, Gage County

Winter Festival

Homestead National Monument of America, 8523 W. NE Hwy 4 Celebrate the winter traditions of homesteaders with special programs and entertainment. Sundays, 1-3pm, Free Merrith Baughman (402) 223-3514 www.nps.gov/home

Nov 29-Dec 13

Schuyler, Colfax County

Christmas on the Hill Craft Show

Saint Benedict Center, 1126 I Rd A variety of crafts and gifts made by area artists. Unique display of nativity scenes from around the world. Mon-Fri, 2-6:30pm; Sat-Sun, 10am-7pm, Free Fr. Thomas Leitner (402) 352-8819 www.stbenedictcenter.com

Nov 30-Dec 31

Grand Island, Hall County

Fantasy of Trees

Stuhr Museum, 3133 W. US Hwy 34 Experience the wonder of the Christmas Tree through this beautiful display. Daily, 9am-5pm, \$6-\$8 Martha Paulsen (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

Dec

Long Pine, Brown County

Long Pine Christmas

Main St Visit from Santa, pine cone art contest, soup supper and more. (402) 273-4100 www.cityoflongpine.org

Dec

Omaha, Douglas County

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo Annual Holiday WildLights

3701 S. 10th St Stroll through a zoo-riffic display of animal lights adorning the zoo. Warm up with hot cocoa or visit the Scott Aquarium for a tropical adventure. 5-8pm, \$1-\$2 (402) 738-2038 www.omahazoo.com

Dec

Shelton, Buffalo County

Youth Chautauqua Birthday Party for Sarah Oliver

TBA Taylor King will portray Sarah Oliver, whose birthday was December 1, 1832. Free Jennifer Murrish (308) 234-3041 www.bchs.us

Dec 1-31

Belvidere, Thayer County

Winter Festival

Thayer County Museum Enjoy Christmas trees decorated for various time periods from Victorian to present along with other holiday displays. Sundays & Wednesdays, 2-4pm Annette Laber (402) 768-2327

Dec 1-31

Grand Island, Hall County

Joyful Celebration

Prairie Winds Art Center, 112 W. 3rd St Featuring season art and gifts. Open house, Dec6 from noon-4pm (308) 381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com

Dec 1-4

Omaha, Douglas County

Madrigal Christmasse Feaste

Marriott Regency Hotel, 10220 Regency Cir A unique form of dinner theatre set in the Renaissance time. (402) 556-1400 www.ibsencostumes.com

Dec 2

Brule, Keith County

Hometown Holiday

City-wide Denise Moorhead (308) 287-2228

Dec 3

Alliance, Box Butte County

Annual Christmas Parade of Lights

Box Butte Ave Evening Christmas parade to usher in the season and welcome Santa's arrival. 6pm (308) 762-1520 www.alliancechamber.com

Dec 3

Ogallala, Keith County

Christmas Parade of Lights

Downtown Parade and food. Melissa Skalsky (308) 284-4066 www.visitogallala.com

Dec 4

Fullerton, Nance County

Come Home to an Old-Fashioned Christmas

Downtown Entertainment throughout the day, food vendors, craft show, photos with Santa and other events. DeDe Matthews (308) 536-2088 www.fullerton-ne.com

Dec 4-5

Cozad, Dawson County

Holidays at the Henri

Robert Henri Museum (308) 784-3930 www.roberthenrimuseum.org

Dec 4-5

Omaha, Douglas County

14th Annual Christmas at the Cathedral

St. Cecilia Cathedral, 701 N. 40th St The Omaha Symphonic Chorus presents selected carols and original works for the Christmas season. Accompanied by the Omaha Symphony Chamber Orchestra. 8pm, \$15-\$25 Belinda Greiner (402) 496-0602 www.omahasymphonicchorus.org

Dec 4-5, 11-13

Grand Island, Hall County

Christmas Past and Present

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, 3133 W. Hwy 34 Take a magical walk through tiem on a lantern-lit visit to Railroad Town. Meet Father Christmas, enjoy the scents of holiday cooking, hear seasonal melodies and experience the sights of Christmas. Fri-Sat, 6-9pm; Sun, 2-5pm, \$6-\$8 Martha Paulsen (308) 385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org

Dec 4-6

Geneva, Fillmore County

Christmas in Geneva

Downtown Fun-filled activities including a tour of homes, children's day, soup supper and more. Lori Loontjer (402) 759-1155 www.ci.geneva.ne.us

Dec 4-6

Genoa, Nance County

Old-Fashioned Christmas

Genoa Historical Museum and Genoa Indian School Christmas tea, tour of homes, children's crafts and festival of trees. Carol Green (402) 993-2349 www.megavision.net/genoamuseum

Dec 5

Cozad, Dawson County

Taste of Cozad

(308) 784-3930 www.cozadnebraska.net

Dec 5

Gering, Scotts Bluff County

Christmas on the Prairie

Scotts Bluff National Monument Bring a prairie Christmas back to life! Open house and interpretive event for children. 11am-4pm, Free (308) 436-9700 www.nps.gov/scbl

Dec 5

Kearney, Buffalo County

Archway Old-Fashioned Christmas

Great Platte River Road Archway, 3060 E. 1st St Celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas with your family. Make gingerbread houses, hear Christmas stories and have your photo taken with Pioneer Santa. 9:30am-12:30pm, Free Ronnie O'Brien (308) 237-1000 www.archway.org

Dec 5

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Star City Holiday Parade

Downtown on O St This 25th anniversary celebration features giant floats, marching bands, animals and giant helium balloons. 11am-12:30pm, Free Frances Schoonveld (402) 434-6902 www.starcityholidayparade.org

Dec 5

McCook, Red Willow County

Home for the Holidays Craft Show

City auditorium 9am-4pm Crystal Vette (308) 345-3421

Dec 5

Papillion, Sarpy County

Olde German Christmas

520 W. Lincoln St Candlelight lunch, raffle, door prizes and entertainment. 10:30am-1pm, \$20 Racheal Cascio (402) 331-3917 www.papillionfoundation.org

Dec 5

Schuyler, Colfax County

Christmas on the Hill - Christmas Pageant

Saint Benedict Center, 1126 I Rd Enjoy this outdoor pageant followed by hot cocoa, cider, coffee and homemade cookies. 5 & 7pm, \$1-\$3 (402) 352-8819 www.stbenedictcenter.com

Dec 5

Syracuse, Otoe County

Tannenbaum Festiva

Downtown on 5th St Kick-off the holiday season with visits from Santa, children's activites, tours, caroling, tree lighting and more. Bobbi Nannen (402) 269-2028 www.syracusene.com

Dec 5-13

Kearney, Buffalo County

22nd Annual Christmas Tree Walk

Trails & Rails Museum, 710 W. 11th St Stroll through a variety of decorated Christmas trees, snack on refreshments and listen to holiday music. Daily, 1-5pm. Open until 7pm on Dec 11., \$2-\$5 Jennifer Murrish (308) 234-3041 www.bchs.us

Dec 5-13

Red Cloud, Webster County

Festival of Trees

Webster County Historical Museum Enjoy Christmas trees decorated with varying themes. 1-5pm, Donation Joyce Terhune (402) 746-2444

Dec 5-27

Elmwood, Cass County

Journey Into Christmas

Bess Streeter Aldrich House, 204 E. F St Tour the historic home with every room dressed for the holidays and enjoy free refreshments. Sat-Sun, 2-5pm, \$3 Teresa Lorensen (402) 994-3855 www.bessstreeteraldrich.org

Dec 5-6

Bellevue, Sarpy County

Nature Art & Craft Show

Fontenelle Nature Association, 1111 Bellevue Blvd N. Find the perfect gift for the holiday season. 8am-5pm, \$2, free for Nature Assoc members Julie Huffman (402) 731-3140 www.fontenelleforest.org/events.html

Dec 5-6

Hastings, Adams County

CAS Productions Antique Market

Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 S. Baltimore Ave (308) 234-4354 www.casantiquemarkets.com

Dec 5-6

Hastings, Adams County

6th Annual Christmas Antique Flea Market

Adams County Fairgrounds Antiques, collectibles and fabulous unique gifts from more than 60 dealers from 8 states. Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm, \$2 Cindi Svarvari (308) 234-4354 www.casantiguemarketing.com

Dec 5-6

Omaha, Douglas County

Holiday Happening

Lauritzen Gardens, 100 Bancroft St A weekend full of holiday cheer and activities including a poinsettia show, live holiday music, holiday food, photos with Santa and children's creative garden holiday crafts. Noon-4pm, \$3-\$6 Maureen Thomsen (402) 346-4002 www.lauritzengardens.org Dec 5-6, 12-13, 19-20

Grand Island, Hall County

Singing Christmas Tree

Evangelical Free Church, 2609 S. Blaine St Choir sings from a dazzling 30-ft Christmas Tree and a cast of hundreds presents a drama and scenes from the life of Christ. Sat, 5 & 7:30pm; Sun, 4 & 6:30pm, \$6 Sue Moran (308) 382-1898 giefc.org

Dec 6

Ainsworth, Brown County

Middle of Nowhere Chocolate Fair

Enjoy an afternoon of specialty chocolate desserts, visit with Santa and view the parade of trees. Sun, 2-4pm, \$1 Linda O'Hare (402) 387-2740 www.ainsworthchamber.com

Dec 6

Ainsworth, Brown County

Open House & Gingerbread Decorating Contest

Brown County Historical Society, 5th St & Old Hwy 7 1-4pm, Free Carol Larson (402) 387-2061

Dec 6

Madison, Madison County

Christmas Celebration and Lighted Village Festival

Historical Society Museum & downtown Craft show, visits from Santa, tour of homes, caroling and museum tours. Linda Haack (402) 454-2251 www.ci.madison.ne.us

Dec 6

Omaha, Douglas County Christmas in Germany

German American Society, 3717 S. 120th St Christmas caroling, woodcarving and more. 11:30am-6pm (402) 333-6615 www.germanamericansociety.org

Dec 6

Potter, Cheyenne County Old-Fashioned Christmas

City-wide Caroling, hayrack rides, food vendors and a visit from Santa. Peggy Nelson (308) 879-4559 www.potterne.com

Dec 6

Wisner, Cuming County Christmas Celebration

City-wide Activities for every age including a soup supper, caroling, games, visits from Santa, window displays and tree lighting. 11am-5pm Peggy Liermann (402) 529-3338

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Dec 6 & 13

Merriman, Cherry County

Christmas at the Bowring

Arthur Bowring Sandhills Ranch State Historical Park A fun-filled evening including a delicious meal and entertainment. 6-9pm, Park entry permit and meal ticket Diane Burress (308) 684-3428

Dec 7

Cozad. Dawson County

Winter Wonderland Parade

(308) 784-3930 www.cozadnebraska.net

Dec 7

Sutton, Clay County

Parade of Lights

Downtown Kick off the holiday season with a lighted parade, cookie decorating, Santa visits, holiday music, train rides, horse and buggy rides and more. 5-10pm, Free Amy Skalka (402) 773-4233 www.suttonchamber.org

Dec 7-13

Boys Town, Douglas County

An Irish Christmas at Father Flanagan's House

Village of Boys Town, 137th & Dodge Sts The historic house is open for visitors to discover Irish Christmas traditions from Father Flanagan's children in Ireland. Quilts, ornaments, toys and displays from the 1920s. 8am-5pm, Free (402) 498-1141 www.visitboystown.org

Dec 7-14

Alliance, Box Butte County

14th Annual Christmas Tree and Wreath Festival

Knight Museum, 908 Yellowstone Display of festive trees and wreaths. Noon-8pm, Free Becci Thomas (308) 762-2384 www.alliancechamber.com

Dec 7-8

Lincoln, Lancaster County

Seasons of Crafts

Lancaster Event Center, 84th & Havelock Ave Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm, Free Mary Marik (402) 489-5001

Dec 10-12

Omaha, Douglas County

NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Regionals

Qwest Center, 455 N. 10th St (402) 341-1500 www.qwestcenteromaha.com

Dec 11-13

Brownville, Nemaha County

Yule Time in Brownville with Mark Nadler and Friends

Brownville Concert Series 11th & 12th at 7:30pm; 13th at 2pm (402) 825-3331 www.brownvillene.com

Dec 11-31

Gothenburg, Dawson County

Shining Light Celebration

KOA Campground, Jct I-80 & NE Hwy 47 More than 10,000 lights in a magical wonderland of sparkling displays. Visit Santa, enjoy a hayrack ride and warm up with some apple cider. Daily 6-10pm, Donation Gwen McDiarmid (308) 537-3505 www.gothenburgdelivers.com

Dec 12-13

Columbus, Platte County

Christmas Rush Craft Giftique

Center 30 Mall, 23rd St & 32nd Ave Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 10am-4pm, Free Sharon Pohlman (402) 564-1845

Dec 12-23

York, York County

Christmas in the 1920s

Wessels Living History Farm, 1 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 353 Sights, sounds and smells of Christmas past pervade the atmosphere of the decorated farm house. Wood carver at work, refreshments and more. 1-4:30pm, \$3-\$5 Dale Clark (402) 710-0682 www.livinghistoryfarm.org

Dec 15-19

Kearney, Buffalo County

Annual Holiday Tours

Frank House, 2010 W. 24th See the historic Victorian mansion dressed in its finest holiday décor. 1-7pm, \$3 KrisAnn Sullivan (308) 865-8284 www.frankhouse.org

Dec 16

Merriman, Cherry County

Bowring Ranch Open House and Holiday Lights

Arthur Bowring Sandhills Ranch State Historical Park Christmas greetings with treats and refreshments, light display and movie. 6-9pm, Park entry permit Diane Burress (308) 684-3428

Dec 18-21

North Platte, Lincoln County

Christmas at the Cody's

Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical Park, 2921 Scouts Rest Ranch Rd Buffalo Bill's home is decorated for the holidays. Hot cider, roasted chestnuts, music of the season, horse drawn rides and visits from Santa. 5:30-8pm, \$5 adults, ages 12 and under free admission (308) 535-8035 www.outdoornebraska.org

Dec 26

Harrison, Sioux County

Boxing Day

Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, 301 River Rd Reminiscent of the gatherings of James Cook's granddaughter hosted at the Agate Springs Ranch House. Enjoy refreshments, music and socializing. 1-3pm, Free Lil Mansfield (308) 668-2211 www.nps.gov/agfo